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ORRHS Drama Club presents "Mamma Mia."

Old Rochester Regional High School Drama Club will light up the ORRHS stage on Mother's Day weekend **May 7 to 10** with "Mamma Mia." Mr. Brayden Fanti is thrilled to be directing his sixth production with the ORRHS Drama Club and this will be the second ORRDC show for Assistant Director, Vanessa Medeiros. Music is performed by a live orchestra under direction of Pedro Silva & Jenna Champagne and choreography is by Jocelyn Ulloa.

Set on a Greek island, "Mamma Mia!" is a high-energy musical built around the iconic songs of ABBA. The action begins as Sophie (Fiona Roveda) is about to get married but has a mystery to unravel. She doesn't know the true identity of her father. After secretly reading her mother Donna's (Amanda Tomasso) old diary, Sophie invites three gentlemen from Donna's past to the wedding hoping to finally uncover the truth. Is it Bill (Liam Osterday), Sam (Linden White), or Harry (Lucas Cabral)? Chaos, comedy, and heartfelt moments follow as all three arrive, each potentially her dad, without Donna knowing what Sophie has done. The story unfolds with ABBA's legendary hits like "Dancing Queen," "Super Trouper," "Take a Chance on Me," and more classics turning every twist into a musical celebration. Other key roles include Mara Donnelly as Tanya, Charlotte Cook as Rosie, and Lincoln Fauteux as Sky.

Show times are May 7, 8, and 9 at 7:00 pm and May 10 at 2:00 pm at the ORRHS Auditorium, 135 Marion Rd, Mattapoisett. Ticket cost; Students & Senior Citizens: \$12, General Admission: \$15. Purchase online through the link: bit.ly/ORRDC-MammaMiaTickets. Tickets also sold through our local vendors: Isabelle's in Mattapoisett or Friends Marketplace in Rochester. Please note ORRHS is a latex-free building so please do not bring bouquets with

On the Cover: The Old Rochester Regional Drama Club is performing "Mamma Mia!" this weekend, from May 7 to May 10 at ORRHS. It is presented by Director Brayden Fanti, Assistant Director Vanessa Medeiros, Choreographer Jocelyn Ulloa, and Musical Directors Jenna Champagne and Pedro Silva. From left to right: Tessa Ripley, Class of '27, Raegan Correia, Class of '26, Amanda Tomasso, Class of '26, Fiona Roveda, Class of '27, and Libby Achilles, Class of '28. Photo courtesy Erin Bednarczyk

elastics or latex balloons inside.

Teen Author Self Publishes

By Sam Bishop

Not only is Bree LeFavor a local author, but she is also a 15-year-old sophomore at Old Rochester Regional High School. LeFavor recently released *Splash Safe With*

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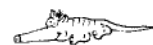
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The story follows Sandy the Starfish and her friend Benny on a sunny day at Silvershell Beach, as they navigate a day at the beach and explain water-safety skills they've learned in their time at sea.

But the lessons aren't just learned from a starfish, Bree learned them herself through her own time at the beach in the past. We talked to Bree's mother, Julie LeFavor, who told *The Wanderer* she made the beach in her story Silvershell due to her time going there as a kid.

She also told us some of the reasons Bree wants to highlight the importance of beach safety. "She almost drowned when she was little," Julie said. "She has very, very vague memories of looking up from the water." Julie described the family's trip to the Caribbean, where Bree began to go under, and Julie had to ask the lifeguards for help as "the adults had too many children and didn't see her go under." She remembers the whistles blowing and herself screaming for help. She ran out and said she was lucky to find Bree as her hat floated away.

She then said roughly two years ago, Bree and her father were out on their boat around Thanksgiving when her father went overboard. Though they were wearing their life jackets, his leg was pinned and he was under the boat. The Harbormaster had to help in the rescue, as Bree and her dad almost had hypothermia.

Thus explains the importance Bree LeFavor places on ocean, pool, and beach safety. Along with being on the ORRHS swim team and recently being Miss Somerset's Teen, Bree often visits local preschools to read swim safety books and draw in coloring books with students. She often volunteers her time to help teach about its importance and was inspired to write her own book. Bree

wrote and illustrated the story over the last few months. She published the book, which is now available on Amazon.

Herculean Collaboration Yields Coloring Book

By Sam Bishop

Since last fall, the Mattapoissett Museum, Old Rochester Regional High School, and Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School have collaborated to create a coloring book titled: "Mattapoissett, Then and Now: A Coloring Book." The final product will be unveiled at the museum on May 14.

The creation of the coloring book was the culmination of the work of many. To start off, history students at ORRHS in Colin Everett's tutelage researched 18 Mattapoissett landmarks. They then passed their findings along to art teacher Kate Butler's students, who created pictures of said landmarks. Finally, it was all passed along to Marie Foscaldo's students at Old Colony, where the cover was produced and the books themselves were printed.

ORRHS Social Studies Teacher Colin Everett began with, "I would highlight that Ms. (Karen) Browning was the central figure in pulling in the disparate parties and focusing the project." On his role as an educator, he said, "I teach the 'Local History' history class, and the major challenge is that our sources are scattered through different archives, databases, and books. Finding reputable sources for all of the locations and then deciding what story to tell about a site was challenging for the students." For highlights, he added, "The major highlight in Local History was defining the aspects of historical significance, such as profundity, importance, and relevance, and then exploring what sites in Mattapoissett met the standard as a 'significant' place." Everett also emphasized the importance of students researching and writing on their own backyards.

Browning, a Mathematics teacher at ORRHS, explained a few things on the challenges coming with the large-scale collaboration: "We were looking for a map online that we could include in the coloring book. Many maps had too much information or not enough, and I tried to use a google map screenshot and edit that, but it was getting difficult! I shared this challenge with Marie (Foscaldo), the teacher at Old Colony, and one of her students took it and ran with the task! He sketched a map on his own, using the classroom's software. Then he made a 'key' with the symbols representing each landmark and placed them on the map. Then he shared it with us, and we readjusted some of the locations in comparison to others... so, this was truly a collaborative effort, and the final product was exciting to see. Now, we all have an appreciation for the details of map making, and we learned a lot through this collaboration."

Browning also spoke on her viewpoint and a mathematics background, saying, "As math teacher, I

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really enjoyed hearing how students completed their research for their historical summaries, for the coloring book images, and for the layout, printing and binding of the final product. Teachers put a lot of thought and time into preparing the lessons for students, as this had never been done before – choosing and providing the resources, asking open-ended as well as pointed questions, outlining a process where all students could be successful, and reviewing student work and giving feedback. This process had many more steps than people might realize; the final product is ‘better’ due to this collaboration.”

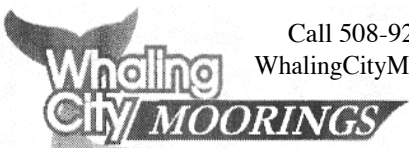
She also said, “It was an honor to work with all parties involved – the Mattapoisett Museum, the three teachers from different fields, and to see the student work appear on our Google documents! It was a challenge for people in three different locations, all with different schedules, to meet. We valued this project and communicated well; we leave with an appreciation for the roles we all play in educating young people.” She added, “We looked at a coloring book from a museum in Connecticut, but we really had no idea what our final product would look like; it truly was a collaborative process with lots of changes along the way, to get to the finished product!”

Kate Butler, Art teacher at ORRHS, said “It was a pleasure to be a part of this collaboration!” As one of two art teachers at ORR, she said students in her Visual Design class created the images in the coloring book. She said, “The class includes a wide range of skill levels, and all students were able to meaningfully contribute to the project. Katherine and Connor embraced the student work.” On the difficulty of creating images of real objects or landmarks, she said, “One of the main challenges was having students create realistic images without simply copying a single photograph. To address this, students researched multiple reference images and developed their final compositions by synthesizing information from at least three different sources. This encouraged both observation and original interpretation.”

Toward the end of the process, she mentioned, “A highlight of the creative process was seeing all of the individual pieces come together in the final coloring book. Students took pride in knowing their work

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contributed to a larger, collaborative project connected to their community.” For a coloring book, art is obviously paramount, with Butler saying, “As educators, we aim to make art both personal and meaningful. This project accomplished that by connecting students’ work to the local community they are part of. It also serves as a strong example of how art can exist beyond the classroom and have a real-world purpose.”

Connor Gaudet, curator and administrator at the Mattapoisett Museum, spoke on some of the work the museum did in the collaboration effort, as well as helping cultivate historic interest. He said, “The museum tried to let the students and their teachers take the lead and just act as a resource for them. They (Dr. Colin Everett’s

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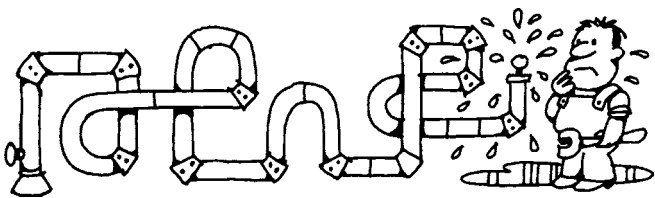
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Local History Class students) picked the landmarks they wanted to include. They wrote the historical profiles about each place. We edited the text for clarity and factuality but otherwise left the language as it was written in order to honor the students' voices. We wanted the students to take ownership of the project and have this really represent these students at this moment in time."

On the importance of the book itself, he said, "Even though this is 'just' a coloring book, it's also a publication of the Mattapoisett Museum, and as such I treated the students as I would anyone submitting an article or other scholarly work for publication, asking them to keep things on a factual basis and to cite sources (in pre-publication draft edits – there are no footnotes in this coloring book!) to back up their statements. I hope it was a valuable learning experience for the students, exposing them to the town's history but also a bit of the academic and technical aspects of creating a published work. I'd love for this to pave the way for other collaborations in the future – whether in the form of another book or a student-curated exhibit – or something completely different.

"We are excited to have the book launch just in time for summer. We're doing a limited first print run of about 100 to see how sales go in order to judge how many we should get for the next order. We are hoping we'll sell enough to know how many we should order before Old Colony (and their print shop) closes for the summer. In addition to those 100, an anonymous donor made it possible to print an additional 80 so that every participant could have one free of charge without any loss of inventory or sales proceeds for the museum."

Gaudet commended the work of the others in the effort, saying, "One challenge for me was letting myself take a step back and let the Education Committee – and particularly the chair of the committee, Katherine Roberts-Gaudet (who, full disclosure, is my mother!) be the driving force for the museum on the project. Adding a project of this size and scope to my workload would not have been possible without her and the committee coordinating with the teachers and administrators, setting up meetings, following up on the text and artwork, right through the final editorial processes. Karen Browning at ORR, was the counterpart to her, constantly keeping things moving forward on the school's end as well. It would not have happened without either of them. Marie Foscaldo at Old Colony was also a huge help."

Each facet of the process worked well and hard through the challenges that presented themselves naturally across so many different organizations and fields. The unlikely team all praised the hard work of each other, and also, through their hard work and collaboration, laid the foundation for student engagement and fostering interest in their town and its history. Katherine Gaudet told us "Mattapoisett, Then and Now: A Coloring Book" will launch at the Mattapoisett Museum on Friday, May 14 at 6:00 pm.



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Studies in Green - the Return to Life

The Seaside Gardener

By Laura McLean

Rowing in a whaleboat recently I noticed how the reappearance of the foliage punctuates the shores of Fairhaven with bursts of green accentuating the lovely architecture. My companion noted that if Eskimos can have hundreds (an exaggeration) of words for snow, then green merits the same here in New England. Nodding in agreement, we pulled our oars together past the soothing landscape, now coming to life as spring settles in.

Other similar "primavera" moments have followed - taking in the bursts of buds on the trees as I drove back from Boston. This drive can be rather boring

- especially when your focus is on the cars ahead of you. But seeing the progression of leaf canopy made a potentially mundane drive something festive. Something in the way the light hit the leaves and the contrast of dark and bright moved me. I was driving not along Route 495, but rather, a Corot landscape.

And then again today riding the bike path and smelling the grass being mowed, I was again reminded of the significance of green. These are notable spring moments for me as the return of green always carries with it hope and renewal. One could argue that the color green has actual synesthesia-like qualities - the senses get sort of crossed - you can see it, taste it, smell it and feel it. The regeneration of greenery has a powerful impact - a pull

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that takes us forward as well as to the past when we spent our childhood outdoors on green lawns. The return of green always brings comfort, even a euphoric feeling.



There are innumerable shades of green ushered in by spring. Perky jungle green ferns; avocado green fig, subdued army blanket moss; teal-tinged pine; deep dramatic leaves of acanthus; chartreuse lady's mantle and of course everyone's favorite the green of summer grass. I don't have to stray from my garden to find these welcomers of the growing season.

"To be a gardener in a temperate climate is to be immersed in a world of greens -- the rich dark green of yew, the yellowish green of young euphorbias, the soft green of young beech leaves, the glistening blackish green of laurel, the brownish green of unfurling ferns, and the intense bright green of springy new turf," writes Susan Chivers in *Planting for Color*, in the *Horticulture Gardener's Guide*. "Green soothes and calms and acts as a foil for every other color in the garden. It also provides a vital, seamless link between garden and landscape."

The author notes that gardens with predominantly green themes can be very striking, as proven in the works of landscapers Piet Oudolf, Wolfgang Oehme and James van Sweden, who "make much use of grasses, arranging them in subtle gradations of green." My gardens have a similar distinction, although it's not by ascribing to a preference or design. It's just the way things turn out. Variations in texture and range of color -- both green and non-green - keeps the garden interesting.

Green in common culture is a euphemism for eco-conscious. And many of green's word associations have positive connotations. Ireland's "four green fields" or provinces; Gatsby's green light; the jolly green giant; Fenway's Green Monster; Anne of Green Gables; Green

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*Federico Garcia Lorca: "Verde que te quiero verde."
(Green, how I love you green.)*

Rhode Island Declares Independence

This Week in Revolutionary War History

By Sam Bishop

This week in Revolutionary War history, let's check up on what was going on 250 years ago in New England and the northern Thirteen Colonies. Last week,

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desires to conquer Canada falter as emissaries to the north like Benjamin Franklin return with news that campaigns in the north are fruitless. George Washington still rallies supplies and troops to New York as fear and anxieties over British incursion runs high. The monarchs of France and Spain both secretly pledged to support the revolutionaries.

On May 3, 1776, Major General Artemas Ward writes from Boston. He informs General George Washington that a ship has recently arrived in Newbury carrying important news: 12,000 Hessian mercenaries, recruited by Britain, are enroute to Boston under the command of Admiral Richard Howe. Admiral Howe is the brother of General William Howe, recently driven from Boston. Ward writes, "they were directed, if possible, to adjust matters with the colonies; if not, to penetrate at the risk of everything, into the country: if this could not be affected, then to burn and destroy all in their power."

He also states Hanoverians are heading to Quebec and others are going to the south. He adds, "France and Spain had objected against any Russians coming to America." German mercenaries, most notably the Hessians, will play a pivotal role in the battles ahead. The Holy Roman Empire, a confederation comprising numerous German states in Central Europe, saw its members send mercenaries to fight in many British campaigns for profit and plunder. The Hessians aptly



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come from the highly-populated region of Hesse, containing the cities of Frankfurt, Mainz, and Kassel, the latter of which being a major focal point of soldiers sent by the Landgrave of Hesse-Kassel Frederick II.

On May 4, Major General Philip Schuyler carries on in the north, pushing for more troops and more equipment for a drive into Canada. Currently, he states he can only build around four troop transport ships per day from Fort George, New York but is pushing for faster production. At this point, the Continental Congress has not yet issued any sort of pull-back or retreat from Canada.

Also on May 4, the General Assembly of the Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations passed the *Act of Renunciation*. This act by the main governing body in the colony offers the first legal separation between the Crown and one of the Thirteen Colonies. It ends, "That the Courts of Law be no longer entitled nor considered as the Kings Courts: And that no Instrument in Writing of any Nature or Kind, whether public or private, shall in the Date thereof mention the Year of the said King's Reign: Provided nevertheless, That nothing in this Act contained shall render void or vitiate any Commission, Writ, Process or Instrument, heretofore made or executed, on Account of the Name and Authority of the said King being therein inserted." Thus, the act voids any agreement or previously binding article the colony had with the king.

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It also offers a new oath to elected officials and General Officers, where they pledge to serve "all Persons, poor and rich, within this Jurisdiction," rather than the King.

On May 6, the battered remaining Continental Troops holding a faltering blockade of Quebec City finally retreat toward New York. A still recovering Major General Benedict Arnold is still in Montreal, though hopes for the American capture of Canada continue to fade.

Mirroring Rhode Island, also on May 6, the Fifth Virginia Convention begins in Williamsburg. During the two-month-long meeting of delegates and Patriots, the body would declare the colony's independence, pass the Declaration of Rights, and create a governing constitution.



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On May 8, a naval battle takes place on the Delaware River where 13 small row galleys and the Continental Navy schooner the *Wasp* attacked the *HMS Liverpool* and *HMS Roebuck*. the attack was a stalemate, though still embarrassing for the Royal Navy. The *Roebuck* was run aground and had to be hastily dredged out of a sandbar. The two ships were chased down the river to New Castle, Delaware.

Thoughts on...

Passports, Flags and National Parks

By Dick Morgado

I've just received my new passport in the mail, thankfully in the nick of time. Not that I plan to travel anywhere in the near future but if the clown show (Sorry, I vowed not to mention clowns again after my last column.) passes the "SAVE Act" (Safeguard America Voter Eligibility Act. There's a mouth full!) requiring citizens to show an identification to vote. I will be prepared.

More importantly, it has been announced that in commemoration of the United States 250th anniversary, new passports will have the image of the leader of the free world emblazoned on them. Well, not on the cover, but inside along with an image of the Founding Fathers. Thankfully, it will not replace the eagle image, the symbol of our proud country which is engraved in gold on the cover. To get his fill of gold, the Donald's distinctive signature will be stamped beneath his portrait in solid gold script.

I guess our chief diplomat, top dog, Grand Poohbah, and everybody's favorite president feels that is the closest he can get to having his head carved alongside Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt and Lincoln on Mount Rushmore. He has settled on being next to an image of the founding fathers. Otherwise, his face would have been relegated to the back pages with the famous mountain carving, the Statue of Liberty, and a photo of a spacecraft

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His friendly face also appears in full color on the National Park Season Pass and gold (of course) visa cards that allow rich foreigners to enter the country for a small contribution to the federal treasury which I for one think is a good idea since we have a very large national debt. He will also be sternly staring back at those lucky enough to acquire commemorative gold coins being minted by the U.S. Mint. All this in addition to his name on the former Kennedy Center for the Arts, the 100-dollar bill, The National Institute for Peace, and a class of battleships (Really!)

I am positive that these changes, and more to come, will help our government run more efficiently. For example, just this week I received an e-mail telling me that my passport, that I received a month ago, is "being printed and should arrive in about a month".

Not that too much tweaking is necessary. Just this week fifteen flags were raised for the arrival of the King of England and Queen Camilla. Unfortunately, they were the Australian flags. In fairness to the poor official flag raiser whose job it is to raise flags, they are similar but with a smaller Union Jack. Of course, King Charles III is the King of Australia, which is a part of the British Commonwealth, along with Canada our 51st state. (I couldn't resist.)

So, the faux pas was quickly caught, the wrong ensigns were replaced by the correct ones. Whew! Luckily, no one of importance noticed. I don't think we could deal



with the embarrassment. A government spokesperson said the flags had been stored away for some time and must have been in the wrong boxes.

The very next day the king and queen arrived at Arlington National Cemetery. The wreath-laying ceremony was to honor fallen service members. The British flag was flying upside down during the ceremony. Naturally the British press caught the error. Headlines blared "Bizarre", "Distress Signal".

Do you think Britain will let me in with my new passport?

Mattapoisett resident Dick Morgado is an artist and happily retired writer. His newspaper columns appeared for many years in daily newspapers around Boston.

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Marion Town Election
Select Board Candidate Spotlights

Carleton "Toby" Burr – Select Board

My name is Toby Burr, and I seek election to the Marion Select Board.

I have lived in town for 44 years with my wife Barbie. We raised two children on Ichabod Lane, and they each now own homes in Marion, so I get to see my grandchildren play in places I played as a child. I feel very lucky.

My family has been in Marion for four generations because it is a great



place to work and raise a family. For 40 years, I worked at Burr Brothers Boats, a family-owned business. Now I am retired, and my son Tucker is at the helm.

Public service has always been an important part of my life. I was on the Marine Resources Commission for over 30 years. In 2022, I was elected to the Select Board. Serving on the Select Board is a big commitment, and when I first joined four years ago, there was a lot to learn. When it came time for re-election, I felt very comfortable stepping aside and letting somebody new with a fresh perspective have a turn. I think that that person has done a very good job.

Now, after a sabbatical, I'm ready to return with valuable experience. If elected, I'll bring the advantage of already knowing the job, which allows me to hit the ground running and serve more effectively. I also have a clear vision for our town: I want to see more state aid and less state control, along with greater public input and participation in local decisions.

We have affordability issues. Our sewer is the most expensive in the state. Housing costs have risen to absurd levels, and young people starting out as well as seniors downsizing are priced out. Our town government cannot just pass costs onto taxpayers who are having their own troubles keeping up.

I want to work with the Massachusetts Municipal Association, and our state representative, and our state senator and other towns in the state, to stop the state from

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I want to broaden the tax base by encouraging small businesses. We have empty buildings at Tedeschi's, Marion Sport Shop, Lockheed Martin and The General Store. I want to see them filled up. I want to make it easy for businesses to move in and help us with the tax burden. Businesses provide goods and services, create jobs, and help foster our town character.

I hope to work on building a consensus on harbor management, Marine Resources and Island Wharf parking. Island Wharf is the public access to Sippican Harbor. We need to have consensus for what we want from the Harbor Department. Once we have that



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Norman Hills – Select Board

It's Marion election time again. The only contested position this year is for the Select Board. I am running again, bringing nine years of direct experience as a Board member. That nine years is backed up by 22 years of experience as a member of six other Marion boards or committees and Marion's representative



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Residents should be proud of the recent above-ground infrastructure improvements highlighted by the new Harbormaster and DPW buildings and the renovations at the Town House. The multi-year Pavement Management Plan for road and sidewalk improvements is underway.

The aging, underground, wastewater collection piping infrastructure is a different story. Some Inflow and Infiltration problems have been addressed by lining some of the pipes. More may be lined, but some must be replaced. We are planning for our most immediate challenge, the EPA-mandated Phosphorus upgrade to the Wastewater plant, which will start next year. Concurrently, we are negotiating with MassDEP/EPA to increase our discharge rate so that we can implement Comprehensive Waste Management Plan improvements. These improvements combined with new housing production will increase the number of users, spreading the costs. I will note that there are two bills at the State Legislature that, if approved, would establish a Southeast Wastewater Financing Commission to help us fund these improvements. Regionalization of our wastewater system with Wareham was proposed in the past but has proven to be much more expensive than Marion initiating Comprehensive Waste Management Plan improvements



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on its own. The state recognized this, which is why we have to make the Phosphorus upgrade.

Water supply is not a problem even with some wells offline. What may become a problem could be the state restricting our withdrawal rate due to drought conditions.

Residents are encouraged to attend board/committee meetings addressing subjects that are of interest to them. The state Open Meeting Law requirements are specifically focused on ensuring transparency and accountability in town-government activities. Town employees and boards/committees are there to help and are always open to comments and suggestions.

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George "T.J." Walker – Select Board

I've lived in Marion with my wife Kelly and family for 40 years. I've participated on the Planning Board and Board of Assessors, (19 years of elected service), so I am very familiar with how town government works. I also have a law degree, so I understand and respect the rule of law. I have managed businesses in the hospitality and maritime fields for many years, so I am very experienced in prioritizing issues, searching for cost efficiencies, solving problems collaboratively with stakeholders and getting things done.



What makes me different from the other two worthy candidates running for Select Board? Both of them have been elected Select Board members in the past. They have both had the chance to demonstrate to you, their problem solving and leadership skills, their transparency and accountability, their fiscal discipline, and their willingness to insist that your decisions are prioritized and respected.

The results from their past service illustrate that they have been content to put band-aids on town problems, bury them, or postpone them when problems

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arise. That's why we currently are facing crumbling roads and sidewalks; water and sewer rates among the highest in the state, a total lack of affordable housing, especially for seniors; an accounting practice of underestimating town revenue, to increase taxes, ensuring "free cash" at fiscal year end.

Here's why I'm different from the other two candidates:

I want to seek answers from the Town Administrator and Select Board about these issues. That's not being aggressive or meddlesome or exhibiting personality clashes – voters have a *right* to know – it's about putting good government principles above personalities. I passionately believe in transparent government, community engagement, fiscal discipline, and economic growth. I believe the voters deserve to know how I feel on the issues and how I intend to work collaboratively to address our needs.

Affordable Housing: I will suggest the possibility of relocating the Fire Station on Spring Street, to Route 6. Its current location is in a dangerous spot between two schools. Possibly using that site could encourage building an affordable senior housing alternative on Spring Street.

Water/Sewer Rates: I will serve as a voice to explore regionalization with neighboring communities to reduce costs, address infrastructure inefficiencies, and provide meaningful relief to our residents.

Island Wharf Issue: I want to ensure public access

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is respected, but does not use treasured parkland for paved parking, does not move the bandstand, and does not interfere with the existing swale which filters water entering the harbor. I'd encourage a collaborative attempt to work with neighbors on a win-win solution.

Maintenance/Repair of Town Infrastructure: I will press to have a cost-effective fiscal PLAN that does NOT postpone known problems, but deals with them, even incrementally, at the time the problems arise or are identified.

Fiscal Discipline/Accountability: I will insist on transparent budgeting. I will recommend the establishment of an audit committee with community input, to provide time-sensitive oversight of financial reporting and internal controls, review the annual town audit, etc. Some South Coast communities already have such committees.

Together, we can build a stronger community and make a difference! If you want your Select Board and Town Administrator to inform you thoroughly, to seek your input, to welcome your participation, to find creative and collaborative solutions, to implement your decisions and to be accountable to you, I promise to do just that and I respectfully ask you to vote for me.

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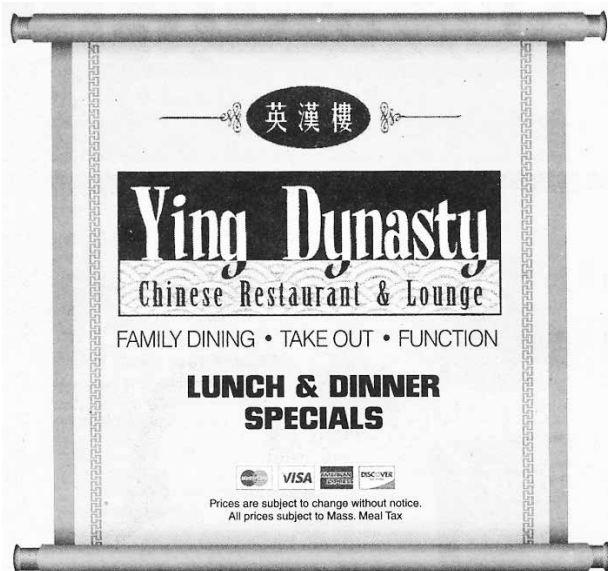
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Katharine McAuley – ORR School Committee

Despite wearing many hats throughout my life, the one I can unequivocally say I am most proud of is that of a parent. With children in the ORR school system, the primary reason I am running for School Committee is that I have an informed and vested interest in what happens now and in the future.



Graduating with a Bachelor's in Mathematics from Stonehill College, I continued my education, earning a Master's in Public Administration and a Master's in Teaching from Northeastern University. I recently completed a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from



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Liberty University. This is complemented by graduate specialist certificates, multiple educator licenses, and an innate desire to be a student of my profession. My own education, coupled with experience working in the field of education for the better part of two decades in various capacities, provides me with a strong understanding of the profession and the challenges facing today's schools. Our district deserves steady, knowledgeable leadership from the school committee with a clear focus on what matters most – students.

I am committed to ensuring our district gets the fundamentals right – high-quality instruction, strong academic and behavioral standards, and support for every student to succeed. This includes ensuring transparency,

maintaining a strong fiduciary responsibility, and making thoughtful, responsible decisions to help move our schools forward together.

Our current schools build our future communities. What kind of community do we want?

Margaret McSweeney – ORR School Committee

Incumbent Margaret McSweeney is seeking a third term as the Marion representative on the ORR School Committee. First elected in 2020, she helped the district successfully navigate the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.



With over 18 years of experience in education and a master's degree in the field, McSweeney brings a seasoned educator's perspective to the committee. She is seeking re-election because she believes "there is still vital work to be done, and I have the experience and drive to see it through."

Beyond her duties on the ORR and Joint committees, McSweeney serves as the Policy Subcommittee Chair and the Vice Chairperson of the Tri-Town Education Foundation Fund. She is also an active member of the Equity Subcommittee. She notes that serving on the ORR School Committee requires significant "behind-the-scenes" work, demanding a commitment to long hours on the various subcommittees and a collaborative spirit with fellow members and administrators.

"My goal remains constant," she said. "To ensure every decision prioritizes student achievement and well-being, upholds our community values, and aligns with our long-term district goals."

Regarding the issues facing the Old Rochester Regional School District, McSweeney identifies the budget as a primary concern. "Like many public-school districts across Massachusetts, Old Rochester is at a financial turning point," she explained. "While the FY2026 budget increases Chapter 70 aid by 6.7% to \$7.36 billion, this increase does not fully offset sustained inflationary pressures or the 4.5% cap on Chapter 70 funding. With the rising costs of transportation, utilities, and health



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insurance, our district must bridge a widening gap. This reality necessitated this year's budget increase, and continued collaboration with our towns and advocacy at the state level remain essential."

McSweeney acknowledges that, if she is re-elected, hard work lies ahead. However, she knows that the effort is worth it. "The quality of our schools directly determines the quality of our investment in future generations."

Outdoor Water Meters up for Consideration

Marion Town Meeting Warrant Review

By Sam Bishop

The final article on the warrant for the Marion 2026 Annual Town Meeting is a previously tabled Citizens Petition from November's Special Town Meeting asking if voters support property owners' right to install, at their own expense, a secondary meter for outdoor water usage.

A successful Article 43 may help some homeowners avoid footing Marion's substantial sewer costs by changing how they are billed. A second water meter for outdoor usage would allow residents to use town water outside and not be billed for putting it through the town's sewer system.

The Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 11 at 6:00 pm in Sippican School.

The annual review of the Town Meeting Warrant was held on Wednesday, April 29, with the Marion Select Board and other town representatives in the Marion Music Hall, where they had met the night prior to go over the Harbor Management Plan.

Articles 1 - 5: Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman kicked off the meeting, explaining the Select Board would be going through each article chronologically and asked those with questions to rise to the podium. Executive Assistant Donna Hemphill began reading though the beginning articles which focus on finance and budget: Article 1 was to pay town officials; Article 2 is the town operating budget for FY27; Article 3 is the operating budget for the Water Enterprise Fund; Article 4 is the operating budget for the Sewer Enterprise Fund; and Article 5 is for the transfer of \$25,000 from the Overlay Surplus Account to the Board of Accessors for



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Articles 6 - 10: Continuing on with budgetary items, Article 6 is the transfer of \$15,000 in Free Cash to the Compensated Absence Account for town employees; Article 7 is the transfer of \$50,000 in Free Cash to the Facilities Department to complete building maintenance projects; Article 8 is the transfer of \$7,675 in Free Cash to the Tree Warden for the emergency removal of diseased and storm-damaged trees; and Article 9 is the transfer of \$25,000 in Free Cash to supplement the remaining balance from Article 10 of the 2008 Town Meeting which was for instituting tax-foreclosure proceedings on delinquent real estate parcels. The town administrator then read, with Article 10 being the reallocation of \$36,000 originally



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Articles 11 - 15: Article 11 is the reallocation of \$50,000 originally allocated to Article 9 of the 2022 Town Meeting to be now used by the Department of Public Works for the upgrading of the East and West Wells; Article 12 is the reallocation of \$61,000 originally allocated to Article 16 of the 2025 Town Meeting to be now used by the Department of Public Works for the construction of stormwater upgrades to 290 Delano Road; Article 13 is for the transfer of \$300,000 in Free Cash to the Department of Public Works for the improvement of public ways; Article 14 is the transfer of \$20,000 in Free Cash to the

Finance Department to complete the final phase of the Compensation Review; and Article 15 is a list of prioritized capital improvement projects.

Articles 16 - 20: The town administrator continued, with Article 16 being the transfer of \$684,823 from the General Stabilization Fund to the Old Rochester Regional School Committee to fund the deficit of the Gateway Health Trust; Article 17 is the transfer of \$75,000 from the School Stabilization Fund to the remaining balance from Article 9 of the 2024 Town Meeting for the purpose of funding out-of-district placement; Article 18 is the transfer of \$25,000 to the 175th Anniversary Committee to fund celebrations for the town's anniversary next year; Article 19 is the transfer of \$52,060 to the Information Technology (IT) Department to upgrade the online licensing/permitting system for the town; and Article 20 is an annual article for the transfer of \$100,000 in Free Cash to the Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund.

Articles 21 - 22: Article 21 is the transfer of \$2,000 from the Chester A. Vose Fund to the Board of Assessors for the reduction of taxes, and Article 22 is the transfer of \$87,069,68 from the DPW Operations Building Construction Fund to the Board of Assessors for the reduction of taxes. Articles 23 - 30: These articles are to see if the town will vote in favor of recommendations made by the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). Article 23 is to allocate \$12,000 from FY27 for the committee's administrative expenses; Article 24 is for the allocation of \$153,702 to meet the requirements of the Community Preservation Act and \$346,638 to the Community Preservation Act Budgeted Reserves; Article 25 is the allocation of \$146,800 from CPA Undesignated Funds balance and \$100,000 from the Historic Preservation Reserves to restore, repair, and stabilize the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on the corner of Front Street and Cottage Street; Article 26 is for the allocation of \$22,140 from the Open Space and Recreation reserves to be allocated to renovate the Washburn Park Bathhouse and make it America With Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant; Article 27 is the allocation of \$22,140 from the Open Space Recreation reserves to renovate

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Hello,

My name is Nicole Doyon Lynch, and I'm running to represent all of you in this incredible community on the Select Board. I'm running as your neighbor, with Mattapoisett as my affiliation.

I've been lucky to call this beautiful town my home for 40 years—attending our schools from K–12, a member of the National Honor Society and three-sport captain in my senior year. I went on to earn a political science degree from UMass Amherst, where I was a member of the national champion crew team.

Today, my wonderful husband Andy and I live on Main Street with our beloved pets, and our families are still extremely involved in the community—from COA yoga and Woman's Club events to my 90-year-old dad who golfs at "Resi" every day the weather allows. Andy and I also volunteer together on Monday nights with Mobile Ministries.

I think my professional background can add great value to this role. I started in professional sports but transitioned into 27 years in business and leadership—from startups to 9-billion-dollar companies. Most recently, I was responsible for establishing U.S. manufacturing for a global sustainable packaging company and building partnerships with organizations like Walmart and Amazon to support that growth.



What I learned in business I would apply to Mattapoisett—in order for organizations to thrive, there has to be value in it for all, and sometimes the best ideas come from those with whom we don't always agree.

I share the view of many of you that one of the Select Board's most important responsibilities is ensuring our budget reflects our community's values and priorities. I've been taking a deep dive into the challenges we face, and thinking through practical solutions to present to you. It will take a sensible, proactive approach to tackle issues like rising costs, aging infrastructure, attracting commercial taxpayers and creating housing options so seniors and young people can remain in town.

Let's work together to build consensus around what matters most—preserving all that is so special about Mattapoisett while positioning us for the future.

I would be honored to earn your vote on May 19th.

Please reach out to teach me more about your priorities for our valued town.

Thank you very much! *Nicole*

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the Silvershell Beach Bathhouse and make it ADA compliant; Article 28 is the allocation of \$37,600 from CPA Undesignated Funds to Point Road Bike Path design and engineering; Article 29 is the allocation of \$79,900 from CPA Undesignated Funds to install Sparrow Hills Trails and Interpretive Signs; and Article 30 is to extend the period for the completion of the Marion Shared-Use-Path Easement Appraisals from June 30, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

Articles 31 - 35: Article 31 is a larger article and is to Amend Chapter 109 (Animal Control) of the Code of Marion to include provisions on feces removal, kennel inspection, kennel licenses, and more; Article 32 is the authorization of imposition of municipal charge liens in tandem with the recently approved Stormwater Management Bylaw; Article 33 will authorize but not require the Select Board to accept grants for easements of street, water, drainage, sewer, and utility purposes; and Article 34 and Article 35 are for the reauthorization of the Recreation Revolving Fund and the Public Health Revolving Fund, respectively.

Articles 36 - 42: Article 36 is to authorize the Select Board to apply on behalf of the town to state or federal agencies for aid or other funds; Article 37 authorizes the Select Board to defend the town pursuits of law; Article 38 authorizes the Select Board to get rid of surplus; Article 39 authorizes the Select Board to sell or transfer taxation possession property held by the town; and Article 40 authorizes the Select Board to negotiate

and enter into lease agreements. Article 41 asks the town to consider reports from town officers and committees; and, finally, Article 42 sets ballots and open positions for the May 15 Town Election.

Article S1 transfers \$219,869.19 of Free Cash to the DPW to pay for expenses associated with the removal of record snow, and Article S2 transfers any remaining balance in the FY26 Group Insurance budget to the General Stabilization Fund.

Chair Randy Parker of the Select Board put forth a motion to adjourn, which was approved by the board. The Marion 2026 Annual Town Meeting is on Monday, May 11 at 6:00 pm in Sippican School, 16 Spring Street.

Park Commission Needs Help

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Select Board is considering taking over the day-to-day management of the Park Commission.

The highlight of the May 4 Select Board meeting came when Town Administrator Cameron Durant explained the Park Commission needs help with the department's daily operations because one member of the commission is not running for re-election and another member wishes to retire.

Durant said his proposal is to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the commission that will give the Select Board the ability to manage the park's day-to-day operations. This authority would be granted to town staff under the board's control, he said, specifically Facilities Manager Andrew Daniel and Highway Surveyor Jeff Eldridge. Durant noted that there is \$7,500 in the Park Commission's salaries account that Daniel can use for part-time workers to do small repairs and routine maintenance.

The Select Board, however, hesitated to make this a quick decision. Member Brad Morse wondered how the board would handle the day-to-day paying of Park Commission bills. "We need to take a bigger look at this," Morse said, noting that running the department will not be a small task.

The board agreed to continue discussing the issues involved even as it works on the memorandum. "More needs to be addressed," Morse said. "I'm in favor of continuing the discussion."

The meeting began with the board approving two new hires for the Rochester Police Department. After Police Chief Michael Assad introduced them, the board appointed Scott Robbins as a new full-time patrol officer and Jason M. Arthurs as a new reserve police officer. Robbins, Assad said, is Massachusetts POST Commission certified police officer with specialized training in drug-enforcement administration and forensic technology. Arthurs has 29 years of law-enforcement experience. He recently retired as a criminal investigator with the Barnstable County Sheriff's Department and



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over a decade as patrol officer with the Mashpee Police Department.

In other action, the board approved new contracts for Town Hall technology services. Comm-Tracts was granted a \$130,658 Fiber Loop contract to connect all of the town's municipal buildings except for the Rochester Memorial School and the Highway Department barn. This cost is being covered by a \$232,000 municipal fiber-optics grant, Durant said. Secure One was granted a \$240,550 contract to upgrade the town's information-technology services.

The board announced the Forever 1111/Miles for Maddie 5K Run/Walk will travel through town on September 19.

The Rochester Select Board did not schedule its next meeting before adjourning.

Island Wharf Argument Tabled

Marion Select Board

By Jared Melanson

The Marion Select Board tabled its discussion of Island Wharf and the disagreement around public parking to the board's next meeting during a joint session with the Marine Resources Commission on Tuesday night.

Planning Board member Eileen Marum decried members of the Select Board, specifically Chair Randy Parker and Vice Chair John Hoagland, regarding governmental responsibilities around Island Wharf. "You took that power away from them, Mr. Hoagland and Mr. Parker," said Marum, referring to the Marine Resource Commission's voting matters.

Resident Diane Cook told members of the committee and Select Board that she had lived there for 50-plus years, and now recently they have started seeing development taking over. They said there used to be more flowers, and greenery growing over there until there was none.

After much deliberation and correspondence from the MRC, the Select Board decided to table the topic of discussion until their next meeting.

The next meeting of the Marion Select Board is

scheduled for Tuesday, May 19 at 6:00 pm in the Marion Police Station Conference Room. The next meeting will be after the Marion Town Election on Friday, May 15.

SRPEDD to Assist Open Space Planning

Mattapoisett Planning Board

By Marilou Newell

On May 4, the Mattapoisett Planning Board met with Taylor Perez of the Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD) to discuss drafting an updated Rules and Regulations document for the town.

Perez explained that her input would be primarily involved with clerical aspects of the project, formatting the document to conform with state requirements. The board also discussed the importance of one-stop, grant-application processes, including also scheduled for updating.

A letter from the Planning Board confirmed that, "We find that Mattapoisett's Open Space and Recreation Plan is consistent with the town's zoning bylaws, comprehensive planning objectives and sustainable development goals. The Planning Board supports the proposed goals and strategies the plan provides."

The board said the plan provides necessary framework for balancing municipal growth with the preservation of open space and the protection of local water resources. Furthermore the document emphasizes

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actionable steps to strengthen climate resilience and ensure stewardship of the town's natural and recreational assets. "The Mattapoisett Planning Board supports the certification of the Mattapoisett Open Space and Recreation."

Perez said she will return to the board in June to share steps she has taken in the development of reformatted and updated rules and regulations, which may include best practices from surrounding communities.

In the meantime, Town Planner Victoria Alfaro will work on the grant application as a one-stop process for the village business district. Alfaro will also be engaged in prioritizing goals for future grant applications.

Two planned hearings were continued pending addition adaptations to site plans. Those were 15 Industrial Drive to May 18 and 182 North Street to June 15.

The board also moved to release 53G funds for the JBL Estates subdivision known as Cooper Way. The sum requested and approved was \$53,000.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for May 18.

Weeds Threaten Snipatuit Pond

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Michael J. DeCicco

As Rochester's Conservation Commission

Tuesday further reviewed the Town of Rochester's Notice of Intent application for proposed work with a harvester to cut and remove invasive aquatic weeds in Snipatuit Pond, the commission mulled over a variety of alternative ideas for eradicating the water-choking plants.

Conservation Agent Merilee Kelly began the discussion by reporting on her own recent research. She said she contacted one underwater maintenance firm that goes as deep as cutting the weed roots. The company told her the charge would be \$5,000 a day for 10 days the first year, eight days the second year, and lesser days per year until it is just a simple maintenance problem. She added that the company did not tell her how many acres per day the work would cover.

Snipatuit is the town's largest pond, and in 2025 the invasive weeds milfoil and fanwort were so thick in the pond that boat propellers could not operate and fish and shellfish below them were in danger of dying from lack of oxygen. The town commissioned a vegetation study that led to a suggestion that a harvester be purchased or rented to physically remove the weeds that would then be hauled off to be composted at a local landfill.

The commission Tuesday clearly was not satisfied with settling on one eradication method. Members discussed using a diver-assisted removal, weed-eating carp (sterile so they don't reproduce), boat washers at the boat ramp to eliminate spreading the weeds, aquatic herbicides, an eco-harvester with barriers that will control weed debris that could grow back, dredging, and lowering the pond to make it easier to access the killer weeds.

Member Matthew Bache instructed Kelly to research these ideas, but the commission seemed most interested in member Jennelle Jesse's suggestion that a consultant be hired to advise the ConCom on the best plan, and not someone with a vested interest in selling a particular method. Michelle Kirby of nearby Snows Pond suggested the commission use the consultant her Snows Pond Association has used.

Chair Christopher Gerrior said the town needs a short-term and long-term plan. The plan has to happen in the right season, and money must be budgeted for whatever plan or plans are chosen.

The commission continued the hearing for future discussion. Gerrior said that might be the next meeting or a future meeting after that date.

In other action, the commission continued to June 2 its two Notices of Intent hearings for High Street Solar 1 and 2 at 0 High Street, which proposes work within the 100-foot wetlands buffer zone for a ground-mounted solar array.

The commission continued to its next meeting the Notice of Intent to construct a four-bedroom, single-family home with septic system on Robinson Road across from Lloyd's Market. This would be a residence on land that is positioned between a 200-foot riverfront area and

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a 100-foot wetlands buffer zone, with the driveway and some grading extending into the latter.

Project representative Chris Gilbert said in his presentation on Zoom that a large square footage of the wetlands will be replicated elsewhere on the property. "The restoration will improve the site," he said. But the commissioners disagreed, asserting the site is still wet and the restoration would not be an improvement. They motioned to initiate a peer-engineering review of the plan.

The next Rochester Conservation Commission meeting will be held on May 19 at 7:00 pm, in Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

ZBA Bids Farewell to Richard Cutler

Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals on April 30 finished work on two continued hearings and said goodbye to retiring long-time member Richard Cutler.

The meeting began by accepting the withdrawal of a Variance Petition to allow a shortened front setback for a new home construction at 28 Marion Road. At the board's previous meeting, property owner and engineer Nelson Bernardo had said he needed to be allowed a 34-foot setback rather than the required 40-foot setback because he inadvertently built his house foundation too close to setback lines. On April 30, the board accepted his request to withdraw this application. Board member and neighbor Keith Riquinha elaborated that Bernardo has tweaked his design of the steps to make his plan work without the need for a variance.

Next, the board granted a Special Permit to allow a kennel license for up to 15 dogs at 19 County Road. Property owner Anita Milka's plan is for a kennel behind the house she is building there to breed and sell small breed dogs, Bernedoodles and Aussiedoodles. The lack of an adequate plot plan and a question of whether it had been advertised correctly had continued this hearing from the last meeting. Both points were satisfied on April 30. Chair Donald Spirlet said the panel now has the proposal's certified plot plan. Administrator Andreia Lacerda said she has learned the hearing, in fact, was advertised correctly. The Special Permit motion included the condition that the kennel be placed, centered on Lot 1 of the large parcels.

The board ended by sharing their thoughts on Cutler's retirement after 40 years as a ZBA member. "He's like been around here forever, and he's always given us good and correct guidance," Spirlet said. "I liked that I can rely on someone like Richard Cutler to give us the best guidance possible."

"His counsel to us was always of high value," fellow veteran board member Davis Sullivan said. "And he came up with a lot of good ways to settle the matters before us."

"He didn't know this, but he was one of my greatest mentors," Jeffrey Costa said. "I once wrote a list

of the men I admire, and he's on it."

"I greatly respect what he has done for this town," Riquinha added.

"He was like a walking encyclopedia for us," Dennis McCarthy added. "His knowledge was very admirable and valuable."

Cutler's retirement is effective April 30.

The next meeting of the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, May 14 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Bulldogs Break First in Tennis Showdown

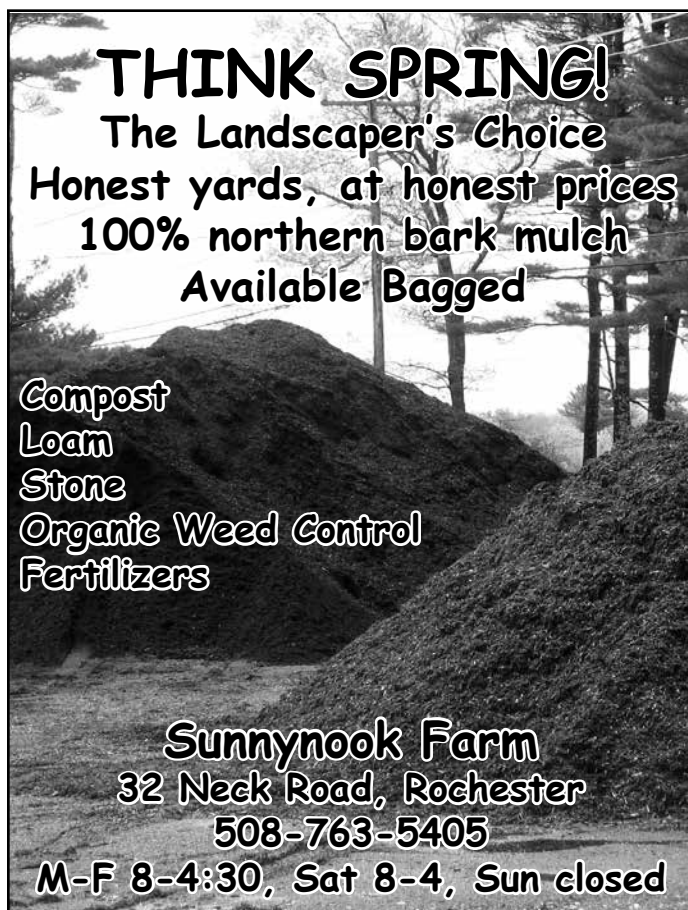
Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

The Old Rochester Regional High School boys tennis team won the battle of the unbeaten on May 1, handing Somerset Berkley (10-1) its first defeat of the season by a narrow, 3-2 margin. The Bulldogs took an astounding 10-0 record into the South Coast Conference rivals' rematch on Tuesday at ORR. The Bulldogs then visit Apponequet (0-10) on Thursday, May 7, in Lakeville.

Girls Tennis

ORR's girls tennis team played at Wareham (4-7) on May 1 and won 5-0. Junior Zadi Goyette won her first varsity singles match, 6-0, and was named the player of the match. The Bulldogs took an 8-0 season record (6-0 SCC) into their match at division rival Somerset Berkley (7-3) on Tuesday, and will host Apponequet (2-7) on



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During my tenure, I made it a priority to show up consistently, prepared, and ready to do the people's business. I missed only three meetings in those 12 years and approached each one with the seriousness and diligence the role requires.

I also served on the Board's Codification Committee with a perfect attendance record. I served on the Marion Energy and Management Committee, helping the Town become a Green Community, and I represented Marion on the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District for five years. That role required regular travel to Taunton in all weather

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7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
8:30 AM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Connie Shepard
9:30 AM Mattapoisett Woman's Club Speaker Series - Alfred H. Saulniers
10:00 AM Rochester Historical Society - Historic Flair with Colonial Flair
11:00 AM Marion Art Center - Being Seen Exhibition
11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
1:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
3:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Fleeced
4:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
8:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Black Bear Ecology
9:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Early Life of Humpback Whales
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Friday May 8, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:30 AM Southcoast Matters
11:00 AM Marion Art Center - Being Seen Exhibition
11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?

12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Marion Art Center - An Hour with Eleanor
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
3:30 PM The Collective Chat
3:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
3:30 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Connie Shepard
5:00 PM ORR Boys Lacrosse vs Nantucket
6:00 PM ORR Baseball vs Somerset Berkley
7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
8:30 PM Paltrocass with Darren Paltrowitz
9:00 PM A Conversation With...
9:30 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
10:00 PM For Your Health
10:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Saturday May 9, 2026

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
10:30 AM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam
11:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
2:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
3:00 PM The Collective Chat
3:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Connie Shepard
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Fleeced
6:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Native American Archaeological Sites
7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
8:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
8:30 PM Paltrocass - with Darren Paltrowitz
9:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 PM A Conversation with...
10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
10:30 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday May 10, 2026

7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St Gabriel's Church
11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam
1:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
2:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
3:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road
4:00 PM Miss New Bedford
5:00 PM Putnam Murdock Concert at the Marion Art Center
6:30 PM ORR Boys Lacrosse vs Nantucket
7:30 PM ORR Baseball vs Somerset Berkley
9:00 PM ORR Baseball vs West Bridgewater
10:30 PM ORR Night of Jazz Concert
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday May 11, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Global US
9:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:30 AM Miss New Bedford
11:00 AM For Your Health
11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
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1:30 PM Southcoast Matters
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Burr and Brooke Johnson
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8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Old Growth Forests of Massachusetts
9:30 PM The Collective Chat
10:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
10:30 PM AMC Outdoor Journey Fund
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Tuesday May 12, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM For Your Health
8:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
10:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning
10:30 AM The Collective Chat
11:00 AM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
11:30 AM In the Toy Box
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Point Road Park Renaming Ceremony
1:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
3:30 PM Two Grannies on the Road
4:30 PM Teach Your Home Energy Costs!
6:00 PM Marion Art Center - Unplugged
8:00 PM The Beacon Hill Report
8:30 PM Pete on the Street
9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Classic Movie

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7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Cape Conversations
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
10:30 AM Paltrocass with Darren

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11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
1:30 PM Money Matters
2:00 PM A Conversation With...
3:00 PM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam
3:30 PM The Mattapoisett Rail Trail
4:00 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
4:30 PM Reeling - The Movie Review Show
5:00 PM Marion Art Center
5:30 PM Building the Future
6:00 PM Pete on the Street
6:30 PM World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
8:30 PM Teach Your Home Energy Costs! With David Green
9:45 PM Mattapoisett Women's Club Speaker Series - Kathryn Tarleton
10:30 PM Classic Movies

MARION

GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
8:30 AM Marion Town Meeting Warrant Review
9:30 AM Marion Harbor Management Plan
10:00 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
11:00 AM Marion Board of Health
12:00 PM Marion Candidates Night
1:30 PM Marion Water and Sewer Regulations Review Committee
2:50 PM Marion Conservation Commission
3:30 PM Marion Pathways Committee
4:30 PM Marion Open Space Committee
5:30 PM Marion Affordable Housing
7:00 PM Marion School Committee
8:30 PM Marion Candidates Night
10:00 PM Marion Town Meeting Warrant Review

ROCHESTER

GOVERNMENT

Comcast Channel 26

Verizon Channel 40

Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
8:00 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
10:30 AM Rochester Planning Board
11:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
1:00 PM Rochester School Committee
3:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
4:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
6:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
7:30 PM Rochester Planning Board
8:30 PM Rochester School Committee
11:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen

EDUCATION

CHANNEL

Comcast Channel 8

Verizon Channel 37

Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM ORR School Committee
10:00 AM Old Colony New Building Update
11:30 AM Old Hammondtown School - Autism Acceptance
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM ORR Baseball vs West Bridgewater
2:00 PM ORR Boys Lacrosse vs Nantucket
3:00 PM ORR Baseball vs Somerset Berkley
4:30 PM ORR Baseball vs West Bridgewater
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM Cable History of Old Colony
7:30 PM ORR Class Olympics
8:30 PM ORR Senior Superlatives
9:00 PM ORR/Fairhaven Boys Hockey vs Bishop Stang
10:30 PM ORR Homecoming Football vs Dighton Rehoboth

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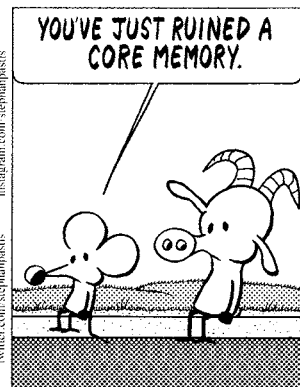
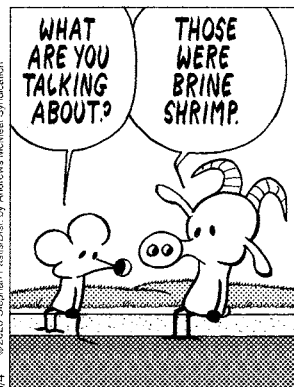
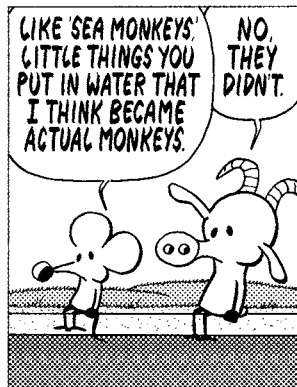
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

by Stephan Pastis



conditions, along with written and oral reports back to the Board, responsibilities I fulfilled without exception.

Among my most significant contributions was drafting the Town's marijuana bylaw. I attended multiple workshops to ensure the language and structure were legally sound and ultimately wrote the bylaw independently. While criticism surfaced late in the process, those voices had not participated in the preparatory work. I submitted the draft to the Attorney General without their input, and it was approved on the first submission.

I have always believed that public service requires more than holding a position; it requires preparation, follow-through, and a consistent standard of respect for others. Those were the standards I upheld throughout my service.

There were times when the conduct of some colleagues did not reflect those same standards. While that was disappointing, it did not deter me from doing the work or from maintaining the level of professionalism I believe the public deserves.

To the residents of Marion: thank you for your trust and support over these past 12 years. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve you and took seriously the responsibility that came with your votes.

I leave this role knowing I gave it my full effort and upheld the responsibilities of the office with integrity, consistency, and respect. Public service is, at its core, about accountability, and I believe my record reflects that.

With gratitude,
Eileen J. Marum

ORRSD Receives Best Communities for Music Education Award

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson is proud to announce that the Old Rochester Regional School District has been recognized as a Best Community for Music Education by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation.

For 27 years, the Best Communities for Music Education has been awarded to districts nationwide that demonstrate outstanding efforts to provide music access and education to all students. This is the fourth consecutive year that Old Rochester has received the award.

"This honor belongs to our entire community, from our dedicated music teachers and talented students to the families and administrators who champion the arts," said Richard Laprise, general music and band teacher at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School. "At ORR, we believe music is an essential part of a well-rounded education, and this award validates our commitment to keeping music vibrant in our schools. Thank you for your continued support in making our district a place where music thrives."

Recipients were selected based on a rigorous

application and review process, which included verified data on funding, instruction time, participation and community engagement.

"Congratulations to all of our music educators and students," said Old Rochester Regional Junior High School Principal Silas Coellner. "Their dedication to the arts is the reason we have been recognized as a Best Community for Music Education for four years. We are always proud to see how our students grow as musicians and people during their time at Old Rochester. The encouragement and support they receive from their teachers creates a learning environment where they can thrive."

"We are proud to be recognized as a leading district in music education," said Superintendent Michael S. Nelson. "Earning this honor four years in a row is a testament to our commitment to supporting a well-rounded education in academics and the arts. We understand the impact music has on our students, and are proud to provide them with a music program that builds confidence, teamwork and resilience."

OCRVTHS Awarded \$2 Million State Grant

Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School has been awarded a \$2 million grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Education to modernize its Machine and Tool Technology program, an investment that will enhance student learning while reducing costs for the district's member towns.

Old Colony was one of 30 schools statewide selected for funding through the competitive initiative, which supports career technical education programs aligned with workforce needs.

The grant will fund the replacement of equipment that, in many cases, dates back to the school's opening in 1975. The upgrades will bring the program in line with current industry standards and ensure students graduate with the skills and experience needed for careers in advanced manufacturing.

Superintendent-Director Aaron Polansky praised the collaborative effort behind the successful application and highlighted the financial impact of the award.

"The cost savings to our member towns will be significant. We are talking about hundreds of thousands of dollars saved for each of our five member communities," Polansky said. "Just as important, these upgrades will bring our Machine and Tool Technology program into the present day and ensure students are learning on the same types of equipment used in industry."

Massachusetts Secretary of Education Stephen Zrike Jr. emphasized the broader value of expanding career technical opportunities for students.

"This investment, I want to be clear, is about listening to our students and delivering what they're asking for, what they're telling us," Zrike said. "They want the chance to explore their passions and discover their interests. They want to see the full range of



MOVIE REVIEW

Fashion Victim

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

***The Devil Wears Prada 2*. Starring Meryl Streep and Anne Hathaway. Directed by David Frankel. Running time: 119 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. Now playing in theaters.**

Anyone working in journalism, especially print journalism, might look at *The Devil Wears Prada 2* and laugh bitterly. The fashion magazine *Runway*, introduced in Lauren Weisberger's novel and then in the first *Devil Wears Prada* movie in 2006, seems to be in trouble. Social media and algorithms have brought it low, reducing it to a collection of photos surrounding text that's less and less substantive, trending more towards the dreaded "content." Miranda Priestly (Meryl Streep), *Runway*'s editor in chief, is too smart not to know which way the wind is blowing, but she's too rigid to exist peacefully within the changing bars of her gilded cage.

The question might be: With journalism in general a husk of itself, the large and urban along with the small and rural, why are we expected to care about a magazine that celebrates the rich? A chilling answer peeks into the room: because we'd *better* care about the rich — they're our only hope. When Andy Sachs (Anne Hathaway) is laid off, along with her entire co-staff, from her hard-hitting New York investigative paper, how convenient that she should be immediately hired by *Runway* as their new features editor. As in the first film, the ethos here shrugs at the reality that it's all who you know. Networking uber alles (though Uber is shuddered at in a nice little joke here). If who you know is rich, so much the better.

The *Devil Wears Prada* films might be considered aspirational comedies, like *Working Girl* or *Legally Blonde*, in a half-assed way. You, too, might fall into a relatively cushy job at a place where you can hang out with Stanley Tucci (once again, I was glad of his company). None of these people, not even Andy, will ever be in danger of being homeless in New York City. The people we're meant to sympathize with will land on their feet and still never want for anything. The many anonymous people skittering around in the background of shots, fetching things for their financial and social betters, will not be so lucky, and some of them will be lost. But they're not who this sequel is about (the original at least kept Andy humble through much of its runtime).



But enough depressing thoughts. Fans of the first film will likely thrill at seeing the familiar faces (Emily Blunt also returns as Emily Charlton, now working at Dior) and be jazzed by the slick surface, which the movie can be trusted never to breach — except briefly, when someone keels over at a well-to-do party and for a moment there's chaos and raw emotion. The rapport is smooth, and lux visitors like Kenneth Branagh and Lucy Liu fit right in. But for casuals like me (I haven't seen the first film since it came out twenty years ago) the familiarity might not be enough, and that's about all *Prada 2* has to offer besides some crocodile tears about good people getting laid off. Either be an escapist bowl of candy, or don't.

Some of the arch bitchiness is back, and the audience titters knowingly at gibes about eyebrows and fashion gaucheries. I wanted more of that. There's a reason that many of the Depression-era studio pictures went BIG. Refer to Preston Sturges' *Sullivan's Travels* for the reason: with entertainment, people want to be *transported*. This movie tries for that, but there's no aspirational figure here; Andy has changed the most out of everyone here, and she's no longer the audience's relatable avatar. After all, she doesn't go back to *Runway* as an assistant — she has her own section of the magazine, and her own assistant.

Streep could play this in her sleep, and may as well be, other than a few lonely moments where tremors of *being lowered in class* disturb Miranda's haute. (*Hauteur* would be a good name for a fashion magazine.) Hathaway is, well, Hathaway in this type of role, the nice girl next door who makes it. As before, Blunt and Tucci are the sardonic MVPs, and I thought — not for the first time — that Tucci makes us wish the whole thing was about his character, a serenely cynical office veteran who has grown comfortable being taken for granted. Thank the gods of cinema at least there's no tragic button on his story here. We don't have to worry about anyone in *The Devil Wears Prada 2*, and that cuts both ways.

opportunities in front of them, and they want to feel like learning is relevant."

Old Colony's Machine and Tool Technology program prepares students for careers in advanced manufacturing, a sector that continues to grow across Massachusetts. With new equipment and updated technology, students will gain hands-on experience with modern tools and processes used throughout the industry.

The grant supports Old Colony's ongoing effort to provide high-quality career technical education while remaining mindful of the financial impact on its member communities.

Marion Garden Group Plant Sale

Mark your calendar and join us at Bicentennial Park from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday, **May 9**, for one of Marion's most anticipated spring traditions.

Our members have been busy digging, dividing, and repotting a beautiful selection of perennials, herbs, shrubs, all grown and nurtured right here in local gardens. We also have a large supply of Dahlia bulbs ready to plant. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just getting started, you'll find something special.

This year's sale will also feature a fun selection of houseplants to brighten your home. Special Guest: Marion native Kitty DeGroot will be joining us again this year - be sure to stop by and say hello.

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Understanding the Eastern Coyote

The Mattapoissett Land Trust invites you to an afternoon with Peter Trull to learn more about our fascinating neighbor, the eastern coyote. This free event will be held Saturday **May 16** at 1pm at the Mattapoissett Friends Meeting House, 103 Marion Road (Rt 6) Mattapoissett.

Eastern Coyotes are a wild canid whose genetic make-up has been shown to be a combination of two species of wolves, western coyotes and domestic dogs. While most people refer to them as "Coyotes", they

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Ethan Justin Mistica, 20, of Mattapoisett, Massachusetts, entered God's heavenly kingdom on Monday, April 6, 2026, at the St. Luke's Hospital, surrounded by the deep love of his family after a protracted illness.

Born in Oakland, California, Ethan was the cherished son of Harold J. Mistica (Valerie) and Rosetta W. Walker (Sando). His life journey took him across the country and abroad before settling in Mattapoisett, MA. As a 2024 graduate of Old Rochester Regional High School, Ethan excelled in long jump, track, and soccer demonstrating both talent and determination in everything he pursued.

In June 2025, Ethan proudly graduated the United States Marine Corps boot camp and quickly rose to the rank of Lance Corporal within 6 months. He was training to become a C-130 Aircrew Member and approached every task with discipline, humility, and deep commitment. Ethan embodied the Marine Corps' values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment, and he dreamed of one day becoming a pilot.

Before joining the military, Ethan also worked as a lifeguard at the Oak Ridge Country Club and the YMCA in Wareham, MA, where his calm presence and sense of responsibility helped ensure the safety of others.

Ethan will be remembered for his bright personality and the passions that fuel his life. He was an avid fan of Manchester United Football Club, he enjoyed building advanced Lego models, Gundam Models, target shooting, weightlifting in the gym, immersing himself in video games and Japanese anime—interests he shared with the people closest to him. He also shared a unique close bond with his sister, and served as a caring big brother to the younger ones, and also cherished making TikTok videos with his cousins. His warm, lingering hugs—held just long enough to make you feel safe, will be deeply missed.

Free-spirited and compassionate, Ethan had a magnetic presence that naturally brought people together. He was known for his strength, thoughtfulness, courage, and his ability to make even the simplest moments feel special. Those closest to him spoke of his charm, his perceptiveness, and a resilience that defined him throughout his life. Ethan welcomed everyone with kindness, made new friends effortlessly, and had a rare gift for helping others feel seen, valued, and appreciated.

Despite the challenges he faced, Ethan remained hopeful, courageous, and full of quiet strength—inspiring to all who knew him. His infectious smile and gentle heart will be forever cherished.

Ethan is survived by his loving parents; his siblings, Kayla J. Mistica and Ajai D. James; his girlfriend Gisele Madsoopanah; his stepsiblings, Christina, Emma, Isaac, and Seth; his maternal grandmother, Ellen Dunn Walker; his paternal

grandparents, Emelie Federizo and Ephriam Mistica; and many treasured family members, friends, and fellow Marines.

Visiting hours in Faith Christian Center, 95 Sagamore Road, Seekonk, MA 02771, Friday, May 8, 2026 from 5:00-8:00 pm with a service to be conducted in the church Saturday, May 9, 2026 at 1:00 pm. Interment with military honors in Arlington National Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements committed to the care of Aubertine-Lopes Funeral Home, 129 Allen St., New Bedford. For online guestbook, please visit www.aubertine-lobes.com.



Rory Michael McFee, 78, of Mattapoisett, passed away peacefully at home with his family by his side on Saturday, May 2, 2026. He was the husband of Christine (Reardon) McFee.

Born in Chicago, IL, son of the late Robert and Virginia (Pugil) McFee, he lived in Mattapoisett most of his life.

Rory bravely lived with Congestive Heart Failure for almost 25 years but he never let it stop him from living and enjoying life.

He attended high school at the Divine Word Seminary, Perrysburg, OH and the Divine Word College in Epworth, IA studying to be a missionary. He earned his master's degree in Special Education with certifications in history, guidance counseling, and rehabilitation counseling at Bridgewater State.

In his early career he helped start an abstinence program in New Bedford, MA for recovering addicts. He worked at Paul Dever State School as a job placement and rehab counselor. Rory helped to start the Collaborative Learning Center (a part of Project Orient, now SMEC), where they worked with expelled students to help them achieve their potential, and he was also a founding board member of Harbor Inc.

Rory was very proud of his career as a teacher and coach at ORRJHS where he worked alongside many stellar educators who he called friends. He was first hired to teach Special Education where he was able to bring his love of sports to the students by coaching them in the Special Olympics for eight years. For the remainder of his career there he taught seventh grade social studies and was very involved with the Survival Program and coaching. His involvement in Survival spanned forty years, ten years as the director, thirty years running the campfire portion, a number of years as base camp director, and always helping in any way he could.

His coaching consisted of not just intramural sports at the junior high but also coaching at the high school where he coached Freshmen Football, Varsity Ice Hockey, JV Boys Soccer, and Varsity Girls Soccer. It was with that last team that he had a lot of success; the 1996 team was inducted into

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are not the animal of the western deserts. It is truly a "canid soup". Eastern coyotes or "Coywolves" are found throughout Massachusetts and eastern North America. Peter Trull has been studying the daily habits and life history of the eastern coyote *Canis latrans* var. since 1989. On Cape Cod and throughout New England, with diverse yet diminishing habitats, and a growing human population, eastern coyotes still thrive and are evident to us in our yards and neighborhoods year-round. They are not well understood by most people, and their presence may cause alarm and disdain among a large part of the population. His aim as researcher and educator is to offer an objective view of this wild canid, clarify the many misconceptions, and inform his audiences, young and old, of this predator's place in our world, and our place in the coyote's world. This Program/Lecture will include colorful and informative photographs, as well as the most up to date information on genetics and taxonomy of the eastern coyote or coywolf.

Peter Trull has been involved in Research and Education for 50 years. He coordinated seabird protection and research for the Massachusetts Audubon Society. As Education Director at the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History, he developed programs and began studying Eastern Coyotes in 1989. He holds a Master's Degree in Education. He has written nine books about Cape Cod natural history.

This event is free to the public, and we ask you to register ahead of time by emailing manager@matlandtrust.org or call 774-377-9191. Check our Facebook page and website for any event updates.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

Across from Lloyd's Market is a memorial to

Rochester's fire fighters. Both the land and the money to build the memorial (constructed by Rochester firefighters) was donated by Mrs. Lorraine Vaughan after the death of her husband, Lloyd Sr., a long time Rochester resident and firefighter. The memorial has been inscribed with the names of firefighters who have died since the fire department was created in 1945. The memorial was dedicated on June 10, 2001.

The creation of the Firefighters' Memorial began a tradition that lasted for several years. The second graders would walk over from the school to beautify the area. Using digging tools, watering cans and parent volunteers, they planted flowers. In this picture from 2007, they are planting geraniums donated by R.F. Morse and delivered by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ciaburri. The Highway, Fire and Police Departments also lent a helping hand.

So, by my calculations, if you were an RMS 2nd grader in 2007 you would be 19 or 20 yrs. old today. I wonder if you can recognize yourself in the picture.



At the Interface of Land and Sea: Understanding Salt Marsh Ecology

After the museum's quick annual meeting, we will be welcoming Callista Macpherson, Research Assistant with the Buzzards Bay Coalition. Callista will be speaking about her work monitoring some of our salt marshes. The event is on **May 15** from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Please RSVP at www.marionmuseum.org.

TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Great night for the car show at Shipyard Park, one of my favorite pictures, the 57 Chevy Belair. Photo taken by John Oldham



Front Street in Marion. Photo by Ruth A Griffin

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

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the ORRHS Athletic Hall of Fame, and he was named Boston Globe Girls Soccer D-2 Coach of the Year in 1997. He was inducted into the ORRHS Hall of Fame in 2024 as a Coach and Contributor.

Being so involved in the community, from sports to teaching to Survival, as well as being part of the team that spearheaded the fundraising and construction of the Chuck Michaud Memorial Rink, he was honored as Mattapoissett Man of the Year in 2009.

Rory was an avid boater, always having either a sailboat or power boat since he moved to the area. He also loved playing and watching hockey, playing until he was 50, and watching his Bruins religiously.

Rory is survived by his loving wife Christine (Rear-don) McFee, his daughter Carly and her husband Michael Elson, his sons Ryan McFee, and Sean McFee and his wife Kristine, his beloved grandchildren, Alexandra and Andrew Elson, and his sweet cat Sarah and his faithful dog Charlie.

He also leaves behind his sisters Candace (David) Coffey, and Carol (Dan) McCormick, and many brother and sister in-laws, nieces, and nephews who he adored.

Rory's Funeral Service will be held Friday May 8, 2026 at 11 am in the Mattapoissett Congregational Church, 27 Church St., Mattapoissett, followed by his burial in Cushing Cemetery. Friends are invited to meet directly at Church. Visiting hours will be Thursday from 4-7 pm in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoissett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road., Mattapoissett. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Special Olympics, or to ORRJHS Survival Program Checks made out to: AHES, Inc., C/O Bobby Dumas, 6 Kelly Dr., East Freetown MA 02717



Sue Ellen Sullivan, 57, of Rochester passed away peacefully at home Monday, April 27, 2026 with her family by her side after a long courageous battle with Leiomyosarcoma, an aggressive cancer. Born in New Bedford, she was the beloved daughter of Louise C. (Mathieu) Sullivan of Rochester and the late James W. Sullivan.

Sue was a graduate of Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School and had worked at Tree Land Garden Center in New Bedford for 30 years. Sue loved music, watching Lawrence Welk, going to concerts and shows and watching wrestling. She loved the color purple, playing cards and games, chocolate ice cream and walking. Sue was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels and three time Volunteer of the Year.

She is survived by her loving mother, Louise; her siblings, Kathleen Shutts and her husband Jack of Chagrin Falls, OH, Shawn Sullivan and his wife Betty of Plymouth, Kevin Sullivan of Sugar Hill, NH, Betsy Downes and her hus-

band Stephen and Karen Sylvia and her husband Larry all of Rochester. "Beloved Auntie Sue" had 13 nieces and nephews; six great nieces and nephews and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 11am in St. Rita's Church in Marion. Interment will be private. Arrangements are by the Donaghy New Day Cremation and Funeral Care, 465 County Street, New Bedford. For memorial register please visit, www.newdayfunerals.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Sue's name to, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at stjude.org or Southcoast Health at Home, 200 Mill Rd., Fairhaven, MA 02719.



Christine A. Cervelli (Tanner), 71, of Rochester, Massachusetts, passed away at home with her family on November 17, 2025, after a courageous battle with PSP.

Born on September 26, 1954, in Smethport, Pennsylvania, she was the daughter of Greta and Walter Tanner.

Chris was the wife of the late Francesco "Frank" W. Cervelli. Together, they operated the well-loved Cervelli Farm in Rochester, Massachusetts, supplying the community with the best sweet corn, a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, and beautiful flowers.

Chris cherished farm life and found joy in planting, nurturing, and harvesting. In addition to sowing seeds, she was a talented seamstress, known for creating some of the best Halloween costumes. She embraced life fully and enjoyed many travel adventures with Frank. Chris also loved attending annual knitting retreats—while she didn't knit, she enjoyed her crocheting—as well as girls' weekend getaways to Monadnock. She loved deeply and lived simply.

Chris was incredibly proud of her son, Scott, and her grandson, Dana, who meant the world to her.

She is survived by her son, Scott Makowski, and his wife, Melissa; her grandson, Dana Makowski; her siblings, Cathy Miller and her husband, Kevin; Cindy Anticil and her husband, Richard; and Brett Tanner and his wife, Ami; as well as her stepsons, Frank Cervelli and Alan Cervelli. She also leaves behind 12 nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her siblings, Bruce Tanner and Carla Cogar.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, May 17, 2026, from 12:00–3:00 pm at Arch at the Meadow.

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, or by email at office@wanderer.com.

Existing at the interface of land and sea, salt marshes are as vital as they are complex and dynamic. Driven by a number of biological, physical, and chemical processes, understanding what makes up a salt marsh, is not always as clear as understanding the services they provide. Salt marshes support communities from the local to global level by providing critical wildlife habitat, continuous carbon storage, and coastal infrastructure protection. However, salt marshes, and the services they provide, are threatened by legacy impacts and complex modern stressors.

Join Callista Macpherson from Buzzards Bay Coalition as she discusses what defines a salt marsh and the ongoing efforts to protect and restore them.

Learn to Play Mah Jongg at the SWC

If you want to learn Mah Jongg, now's your chance. Starting Tuesday, **May 19**, the Sippican Woman's Club (SWC) will offer free Mah Jongg lessons from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm noon at Handy's Tavern, 150 Front Street, for three consecutive weeks. Pre-registration is required for the first eight women who sign-up on our website, SippicanWomansClub.org. You do not have to be a member of SWC to participate but should plan to attend all three classes: May 19, May 26, and June 2.

The three-week session will teach American Mah Jongg using the National Mah Jongg League official standard hands and rules based on the 2026 card. Find out more on the SWC website.

Rabies Prevention Event

The Marion Board of Health would like to inform the community of the following event, Rabies Prevention, Control Efforts and Reducing Risk of Exposure. This event will now be held on **June 3**, at 5:30 pm at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center.

The Cape Cod and Southeast Massachusetts Rabies Task Force is actively involved in rabies prevention and control efforts in the region. They coordinate with local health directors, animal control officers and natural resource officers to contain terrestrial raccoon rabies on Cape Cod. Twice-annual distribution of oral vaccination baits has been key to the program's successes. Come learn more about their work and ways to reduce risk of exposure to rabies.

Light refreshments will be served. To register, please call 508-748-3570. Space is limited.

Marion Fireworks and Independence Day Parade

Come together with the Town of Marion as we celebrate America's 250th anniversary. Kick off the weekend with fireworks at Silvershell Beach at dusk on Friday, **July 3**.

Our Independence Day Parade rolls out on Saturday, July 4, at 9:00 am, and we want to see your most

creative, patriotic parade entries. Applications are now available. Paper copies are also available at the Marion Town House Annex, 14 Barnabas Road.

The nationwide organization, Freedom Bells, invites all residents to toll bells together on July 4 at noon. Please join neighboring towns and community organizations as they toll the bells. You can find more information on their website: freedombells.org.

We can't wait to celebrate with you.

Mattapoisett Road Race

With less than 2 months until the **4th of July**, it's time to lace up your sneakers and get ready to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence by running the Mattapoisett Road Race, "4 on the 4th." When this tradition was started in 1971 by Bob and Doris Gardner, 15 runners raced from Point Connett to Shipyard Park. Over the years, the route has changed a few times, and now, over 1000 runners start at Shipyard Park, run through the village, around Ned's Point lighthouse, and finish at Shipyard Park. Townspeople line the course and cheer on the runners. Proceeds from the race are used to fund awards for college-bound senior athletes from Old Rochester Regional High School, as well as support Old Rochester athletics. Over the years, more than \$200,000 has been given to deserving students from Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester. Registration for the race is online only, up until 8:30 am on July 4. Until July 1, the registration fee is \$25, on July 2, 3 and 4, it is \$35. T-shirt and number pickup is from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm on July 3, and 7:30-8:30 am on July 4.

Runners are strongly urged to pick up their shirts and numbers on July 3 to avoid long lines on the morning of the race. For more information and registration, please visit mattapoisettroadrace.com.

MTPI Year Concludes with Performance

The MAC is proud to announce that the year-long MAC Theater Playwrights Incubator (MTPI) will conclude with a performance of the Attorney-in-Fact, a new play by Philip Ardell. The play was honed over the course of the 2025-2026 season with the playwright and two mentors - Harvey Ussach & Tony Ferreira.

Mr. Ardell's play was selected from over 60 submissions and resonated with the mentors. Both mentors have extensive experience in theater. Mr. Ussach has experience as an adjunct professor in both writing and public speaking, as well as publishing and producing his own plays. He notes "Working with Tony Ferreira on Philip Ardell's script was rewarding. Words have more effect, characters become more real and dimensional, and stage action works better."

Mr. Ferreira is an actor, director, stage manager and dramaturg. When asked about his experience in mentoring and then directing this play he said "I

TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights April 26 – May 2

- Riverview Ln – Suspicious activity
- Converse Rd – Brush fire
- Water St – Follow up investigation
- Stoney Run Ln – Animal bite
- Jenney Ln – EMS/medical
- Cove Cir – Animal complaint
- Front St – Wildlife services
- Mill St – Road hazard
- Mill St – General services
- Village Dr – Missing person
- Abels Way – EMS/medical
- Olde Knoll Rd – EMS/medical
- Reservation Way – General service
- 195 East – MV complaint
- Spring St – Trespassing
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Cottage St – EMS/medical
- Cottage St – General service
- East Ave – Suspicious person
- East Ave – Suspicious activity
- 105 overpass – Road hazard
- Piney Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Front St – MV complaint
- Dexter Rd – General service
- Dexter Rd – Follow up investigation
- Bay Rd – Suspicious MV
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Lost property
- County Rd – MV complaint

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights April 26 – May 2

- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Richard III's Ln – Health/welfare
- Goodspeed Island - Complaint
- Acushnet Rd – MV violations
- County Rd – Crisis intervention
- County Rd – Officer wanted
- County Rd – MV crash
- River Rd – 911 call
- Deep Woods Dr – Suspicious MV
- Main St – Stolen property
- Neds Point Rd – Stolen property
- Marion Rd – Animal control
- Marion Rd – General service
- County Rd - Trespassing
- Depot St – Parking complaint
- Holly Woods Rd – General service
- Acushnet Rd – Brush fire
- Church St – MV violations
- North St – Medical assist
- 195 West – MV crash
- Main St – Parking violation
- Acushnet Rd – Health/welfare
- Church St – Parking complaint
- Channel St – 911 call
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Long Plain Rd – Domestic
- Wolf Island Rd – General service
- Mechanic St – Animal control
- Uncas Way – Restraining order

ROCHESTER

Log highlights April 26 – May 2

- Mattapoisett Rd – General service
- Marys Pond Rd – Suspicious activity
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV collision
- Pine St – Aniaml control
- Hartley Rd – Medical alarm
- Bradford Ln – General services
- Burgess Ave – Outside fire
- Pine St – MV collision
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/arrest
- Braley Hill Rd – Mv stop/towed
- Jasons Ln - Fraud
- Cranberry Hwy – Stalled elevator
- Rounseville Rd – Medical alarm
- Hartley Rd – Animal control
- Bennett Rd – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/citation
- New Bedford Rd – Animal control
- High St – Suspicious activity
- Looks Mill Ln – Animal control
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity
- County Rd – Failure to stop
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity
- Braley Hill Rd – Burglar alarm
- Marys Pond Rd - Vandalism
- Old Farm Ln – 911 call
- New Bedford Rd – MV collision
- New Bedford Rd - Meical
- Dexter Ln - Assault
- Mattapoisett Rd – MV collision

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, May 11: Hamburger, potato wedges, Cali blend vegetables, wheat hamburger roll, chocolate pudding, ketchup

Tuesday, May 12: Cheese ravioli w/beef bolognese & parmesan, brussels sprouts, wheat roll, Fig Newton

Wednesday, May 13: Stewed chicken, white rice, carrots, whole grain cornbread, orange

Thursday, May 14: Torta di Polenta (pork sausage & beef), polenta w/cheese, kale & peppers, Hawaiian roll, apple

Friday, May 15: Honey glazed salmon, roasted sweet potato, Cali blend vegetables, wheat roll, shortbread cookie, diet: fruit

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, May 11: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato

Tuesday, May 12: Zesty orange chicken, brown rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie

Wednesday, May 13: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, May 14: Spaghetti with meat

sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

Friday, May 15: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served with honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, May 11: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato

Tuesday, May 12: Zesty orange chicken, brown rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie

Wednesday, May 13: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, May 14: Spaghetti with meat sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

Friday, May 15: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served with honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, May 11: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato

Tuesday, May 12: Zesty orange chicken,

brown rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie

Wednesday, May 13: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, May 14: Spaghetti with meat sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

Friday, May 15: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served with honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, May 11: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato

Tuesday, May 12: Zesty orange chicken, brown rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie

Wednesday, May 13: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, May 14: Spaghetti with meat sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

Friday, May 15: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served with honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, May 11: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato

Tuesday, May 12: Zesty orange chicken, brown rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie

Wednesday, May 13: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, May 14: Spaghetti with meat sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick

Friday, May 15: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served with honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, May 11: Build your own beef tacos, salsa, cheese, lettuce, tomato, corn & black beans

Tuesday, May 12: Macaroni & cheese or buffalo mac & cheese

Wednesday, May 13: Chicken chow mein & chop suey veggies

Thursday, May 14: BBQ chicken bacon ranch flat bread

Friday, May 15: Assorted pizza & Caesar salad

learned that a good play could become a great play by developing a positive and constructive relationship with the playwright. I also discovered how fluid a play can be, where even a little tweak could make an entire scene's perspective change. I also gained a much better appreciation for playwriting and the difference between a great play and a mediocre play."

After a playwright is selected for the incubator program, the playwright works with two mentors over the course of 6-9 months to workshop the script. A staged industry reading is then planned, where theater professionals attend and give constructive feedback. Mr. Ardell notes "The industry reading comments [during the] talk-back made me think of ways of strengthening the internal logic of the play, by making sure that actions were not only plausible within the laws of New York City but also within the psychological makeups of the characters. I also realized from the reading and comments that I'd missed opportunities for improving the characterizations, and I set about revising the play again - I think for the better."

Jodi Stevens, the Executive Director of the MAC says "This is the fourth year the MAC has staged a production through the MTPI program, and the quality of the work is exceptional. It's exciting to see how each team - playwright and mentors - participate in this process. It's also a great chance to bring fresh ideas and a unique theater experience to the community. Audience members



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learn about the process of creating a play and have the chance to provide valuable feedback for the playwright."

The Attorney-in-Fact will be performed with full staging on **May 8, 9, 10** with curtain at 7:30 pm on Friday and Saturday and a 2:00 pm curtain on Sunday. There will be a talk back post-show with the playwright, creative team, and cast. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. The MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater is located at 80 Pleasant St. Marion. More information and tickets at marionartcenter.org/events. This is an ArtWeek SouthCoast event.

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- 1 Huntsville's state
8 "Dig in!"
13 Watched a child for pay
20 Recuperate
21 Bodily trunks
22 French writer France
23 1983 film for which Robert Duvall won Best Actor
25 Hold within
26 — Ball
27 Bullring cry
28 Illegal trade medium
30 Common med. scans
32 The Beatles' "I've Just — Face"
33 Folk singer DiFranco
34 Many a morning bowlful
39 Preview release of a new product
44 Hardship
45 Vid shooters
47 Relative of "BTW"
48 Further
49 Actress Blair
50 "Spamalot" creator Idle

- 51 Brimless cap
53 — -to manual
54 High roller
58 Per the norm
60 GQ, e.g.
63 Entre —
64 Other, in Acapulco
66 Rich, nutty cake
67 Iraqi, e.g.
69 Tulsa's largest suburb
74 Chap from Chelsea, e.g.
75 Thumbs-ups
77 "Call Jane"
78 Oven knob
80 Sun — -sen
81 Sentimental songs
84 Coin worth two quarters
88 Defunct U.K. record label
89 Long (for)
91 Active sort
92 Aussie buds
96 Rational
98 "Phooey!"
99 General — chicken
100 Music genre for Brian Eno
102 Ali Baba's password

- 105 South American marmoset with a tufted tail
107 Knight, e.g.
108 Drifts about
110 Beehive
111 Something barely recalled
115 Here, in Lyon
116 Knight, e.g.
120 Crated up
121 Cavalry soldier without heavy weaponry
125 Arranging in rows
126 Emollient plants
127 Arbitrary change of mind
128 A bit firm, as cooked pasta
129 Snake killed by Hercules
130 Word that can follow the starts of 11 answers in this puzzle

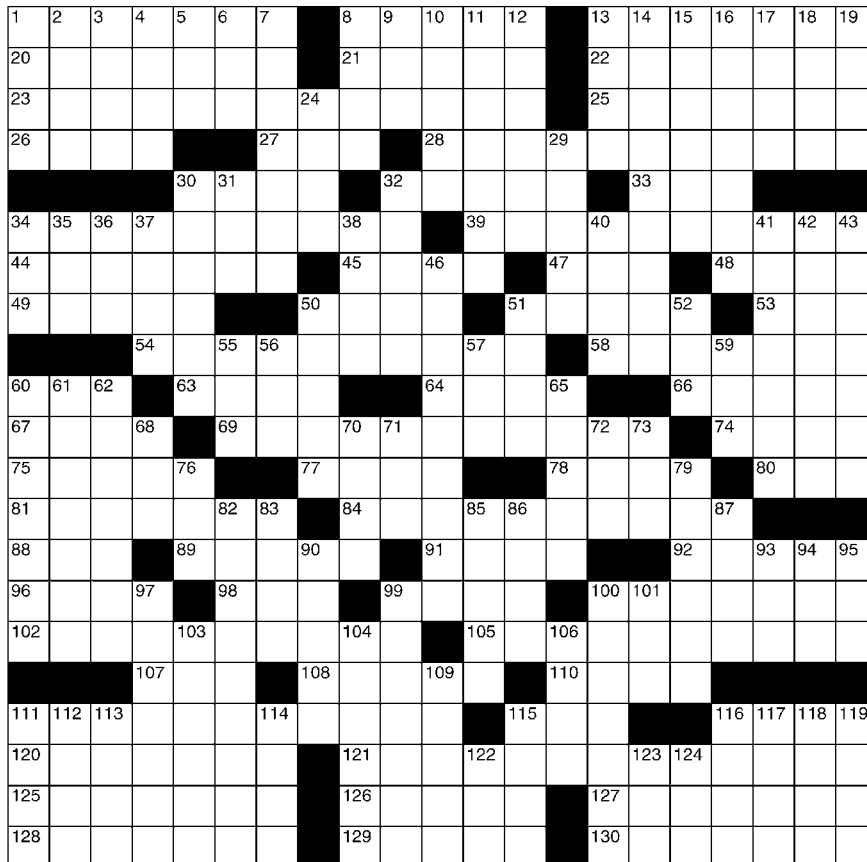
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- 1 Part of B.A.
2 Onion cousin
3 Oxy 5 target

- 4 Be a sign of
5 "Hail, Nero!"
6 French sea
7 Large, ornate wardrobe
8 Raison d'—
9 Member of "The Squad" in D.C., for short
10 Family group
11 Futile
12 Italian sculptor Andrea
13 Reverse side
14 Abnormalities
15 Daiquiri fruit
16 Rare-earth element
17 Drench
18 "I cannot tell —"
19 Circus shelter
24 Alternatively
29 — latte (kind of espresso)
30 "The Mugger" novelist Ed
31 Subj. for a theologian
32 Done in, as a dragon
34 Euro divs.
35 Often-refined resource
36 IM giggle
37 Word before luck or struck
38 Farmland unit

- 40 Model Banks
41 "Take your time"
42 Zagreb's land
43 — -Packard
46 Rival of Burger King
50 Word with salts or Downs
51 "I'm f-f-freezing!"
52 Boy pharaoh, for short
55 Hunk
56 Prefix with tax or charge
57 Greek "H"
59 Weep audibly
60 "Possibly"
61 Tourist's aid
62 Fuel conduit
65 Zeal
68 — Paese cheese
70 Madeline of "Mixed Nuts"
71 Age
72 Often-refined resource
73 Retail store's beginning?
76 Declare
79 Italian luxury cars, for short
82 Postponing of military service
83 Je ne — quoi

- 85 Dupes
86 Lucy's Arnaz
87 Picnic spoiler
90 Weaponize anew
93 William Shatner's "—War"
94 Propyl ending
95 Hog haven
97 Trap in a net
99 With a bit of crying
100 Capital of ancient Syria
101 Mrs., in Metz
103 Substitutes (for)
104 Dough
106 "That hurts!"
109 "Mon Dieu!"
111 Greek salad cheese
112 Blue dye
113 Chilled
114 Border
115 "— miracle!"
116 Mr., in Berlin
117 Send out
118 Indy 500, e.g.
119 Lacking width and depth, for short
122 That lady
123 "Vengeance" actress Issa
124 Jacuzzi site



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're the first sign in the Zodiac and like to take the lead wherever you go. But this time, you'd be wise to follow someone who has much to teach you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your adversary hasn't given up trying to undermine you at your workplace. Continue to stay cool -- someone who's in authority knows what's happening.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Spring debuts with a positive aspect for relationships! Paired Twins grow closer, while the single set finds new romance -- perhaps with a LEO or LIBRA.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Wavering aspects this week mean weighing your words carefully to avoid misunderstandings with others, who could take what you say and run with it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You could soon be on a new career path in pursuit of some long-standing goals, but don't cut any current ties until you're sure that you're ready to make the change.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A former colleague wants to reestablish an old professional connection. It would be wise to make the contact, at least until you know what they are planning.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A relationship that survived some rocky moments could be facing a new challenge. Deal with the problem openly, honestly and without delay. Good luck!

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A recent and much-appreciated change in the workplace inspires you to make some changes in your personal life as well. Start with a plan to travel more.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A friend needs your kind and caring advice, but you need to know what they are hiding from you before you agree to get involved.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your circle of friends continues to widen. Expect to hear from someone in your past who hopes to reestablish your once-close relationship.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your aspects favor the arts. Indulge in whatever artistic expression you enjoy most. Meanwhile, a workplace situation will continue to improve.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Warning! Your tendency to let things slide until the last minute could have a negative effect on a relationship that you hope can develop into something meaningful.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are both emotional and sensible. You enjoy being with people. Good career choices include teaching, performing, and working with the clergy.

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the library staff a talk by Robert Barboza on his book, "Patriots of the South Coast". His book introduces us to some of those locals who fought the Revolutionary War from the high seas as well as from land.

The Historical Society will provide refreshments, a sneak peek at our 2026 exhibit and a sign-up sheet for those willing to bake for the Red, White and Blue Bake Sale on May 30.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Plumb Library at noon on **May 9**.

Rochester Memorial Day Boat and Kayak Race

The Rochester Fire Department will again sponsor the Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race. The Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race on the Mattapoissett River will take place on Monday, **May 25**, starting at 8:30 am at Grandma Hartley's Reservoir, Snipatuit Road, in Rochester and finishing at the Mattapoissett Herring Weir at River RD and Route 6.

A Kayak Division will again be included in the race this year. Basic guidelines for the division are: minimum age 18, single person kayak that the contestant can sit inside of the cockpit, contestant must wear an approved USCG personal flotation device for the entire race, and there will be a \$10 entry fee. See the rules document for all information pertaining to the kayak division.

For the Mattapoissett River Racer (MRR) boats,



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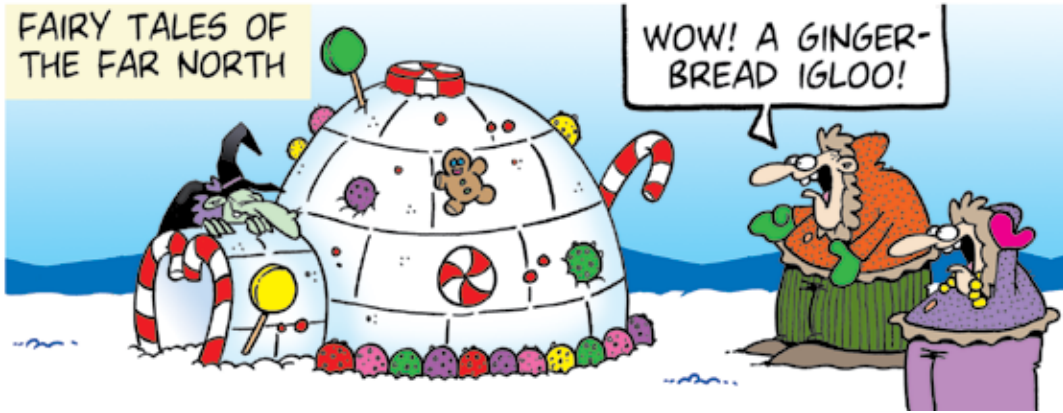
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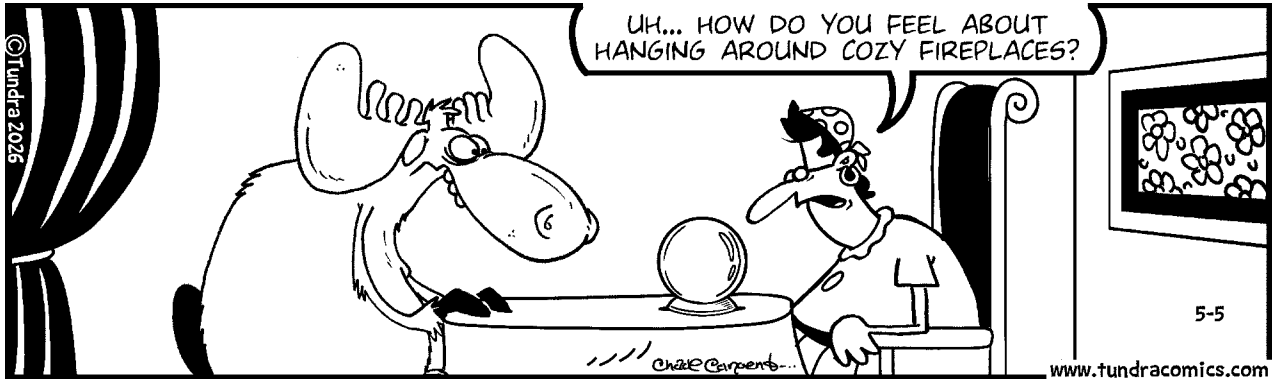
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FAIRY TALES OF THE FAR NORTH



Tundra
by Chad Carpenter



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



the minimum age for contestants is seven years old on Memorial Day. There will be two persons to a boat. The boat must be a homemade river racer design of any material you choose. There are no limitations or restrictions on types of paddles.

Divisions include the kayak division and the MRR open/men's, women's, junior boys, junior girls, co-ed and parent/child divisions. Junior division teams are both contestants under 14 years old. Parent/child is for a parent with his/her child (child under 14 years old) or an adult (25 or older) with a child (child under 14 years old). Trophies will be awarded to the first, second and third place finishers in each division.

A boat building seminar will not be held this year, but free plans are available for the asking. Contact Art, (artbenner@comcast.net) or Bill (watlingw@gmail.com). We can put you in touch with experienced MRR boat builders that can answer your questions and offer tips, tricks and considerations for building the boat.

Pre-Registration Is Required. Only one registration session will be held at the Rochester Council on Aging (RCOA) Senior Center, 67 Dexter's LN Friday, **May 15**, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Starting positions will be assigned or drawn after the registration closes. A signed registration form must be submitted by each contestant for a team to be eligible for a starting position. Registration forms and rules may be obtained at Lloyd's Market, at Art's house, 319 Cushman RD or at the registration session or email Art (artbenner@comcast.net) and request the rules and registration form.

You may deliver the completed forms to 319 Cushman Road, or, you may return the forms by email but you must bring the original, signed forms, to the registration session, or, you may return them by regular mail (USPS). If returned by email or USPS mail, you'll get acknowledgment that they were received. If you don't get a reply from Art, assume the forms were not received and hand deliver a set. Registration forms must be in the Committee's hands by Friday, **May 15**, 8:00 pm in order for last year's teams to be assigned a starting position based on last year's finish position or for new teams to draw a starting position for this year. Kayak division

contestants will draw starting positions after the MRRs.

The traditional Ham and Bean Supper will take place at the RCOA, Senior Center at, 67 Dexter's LN, Saturday, **May 23**, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Supper tickets may be purchased at the door.

There will be raffles for each of two carbon fiber racing paddles made by Bill Watling III. There will be a silent auction for two additional carbon fiber paddles. Also, a red, white and blue afghan made by Cecelia Hall will be raffled. Tickets for the raffles will be sold at the registration session and at the Ham & Bean supper. The winners will be drawn at the supper.

For further information contact Boat Race Chairman, Arthur F. Benner, 508-763-2024 or email; artbenner@comcast.net. Visit Facebook, "Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race" for any changes or updates.

Marion Memorial Day Remembrances and Procession

The 2026 Memorial Day Remembrances and Procession will take place on Monday, **May 25** starting at 9:00 am in front of the Music Hall at 164 Front St, Marion. In the event of rain, the event will be relocated to the Multipurpose Room of Sippican Elementary School.

The event will feature the Sippican School Marching Band led by Director Hannah Moore as well as The Portuguese American Band. The route of the procession is the same as in past years, stepping off from



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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING A public hearing has been scheduled for May 12, 2026, at 6:45 pm in the first floor Conference Room of the Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA and ZOOM, upon the application of Salty Dog Ventures, LLC, dba Salty Dog Tavern, 33 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Requesting an All-Alcohol License, Common Victualler's License and Entertainment License. Manager on record to be Tracey White. R. Tyler Macallister, Chair Jodi L. Bauer, Vice Chairperson Jordan Collyer, Clerk 4/30, 5/7 TOWN OF ROCHESTER SOIL BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Soil Board will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Rochester Town Hall Conference Room, 1 Constitution Way, in Rochester regarding a Soil Removal Permit Application received from Saunders Family Cranberry Co., LLC, for property located off County Road in Rochester, MA 02770, further identified as Assessor's Map 19, Lot 43. The property owner is Saunders Family Cranberry Company, P.O. Box 1595, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The applicant proposes to excavate agricultural reservoir and upgrade the bog roads. The application and associated submittal documents are available for review at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, during normal business hours. Richard Charon, Chairman 4/30, 5/7 TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on a Notice of Intent submitted by Terry Granahan, 7 Cottage Street, Hingham, MA 02043. The proposed project is to construct a single family home with associated septic system, well, driveway, grading and landscaping within flood zone VE-17 and VE-18. The project is located at Dupont Drive, and is further identified as Lot 12 on Assessor Map 14.B. **Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 5/7 TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING A public hearing of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Notice of Intent filed by Walnut Plain Solar 1, LLC, 55 Technology Drive, Lowell, MA 01851 for property located at 0 Walnut Plain Road, designated as Lot 0-0001 on Assessor's Map 14. The applicant is proposing work within the 100-foot buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland. The proposed development includes a ground-mounted solar array system with associated battery energy storage system. The property owner is BKK Holding LLC, 3406 Inlet Court, Jupiter, FL	33469. The applicant's representative is Beals and Thomas, Inc., 144 Turnpike Road, Southborough, MA 01772. This hearing is being held under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetlands Protection By-Law. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81121214604 Meeting ID: 811 2121 4604 Christopher Gerrior, Chairperson 5/7 TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by The Elizabeth May Cannell 1996 Family Trust. The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information. The Applicant proposes to reconstruct a pile supported boardwalk over a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and Salt Marsh and to construct a pile supported timber pier with a gangway and float into the waters of Hillers Cove. The proposed work will be performed within a Bordering Vegetated Wetland, Salt Marsh, Land Under Ocean, Land Containing Shellfish and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE (El. 19 & 20). The work will be performed at 5 Holly Woods Road which is further identified as Lot #160 on Assessors Map #3. 5/7 TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on a Notice of Intent submitted by Winnatuxett Beach Road Nominee Trust of 21 Winnatuxett Beach Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to treat and remove non-native invasive plant species within a salt marsh, BVM and buffer zone. The project is located at 21 Winnatuxett Beach Road, and is further identified as Lot 65.0 on Assessor Map 5.0. **Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 5/7 TOWN OF MARION ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS MARION WATER DIVISION FISCAL YEAR 2027 CHEMICALS AND SUPPLIES The Select Board of the Town of Marion shall receive bids at the Department of Public Works Office, 50 Benson Brook Road, Marion, Massachusetts 02738 for furnishing chemicals and supplies to Marion Water Division for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, until 2:00 pm prevailing time, Thursday, May 21, 2026, at which time bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. The chemicals and supplies to be furnished consist of the following items: A. 45% Potassium Hydroxide B. Sodium Silicate ('N' Brand) C. Liquid Propane The bid opening will be open to the	public. Copies of the Bidding Documents, including Bid Forms, may be obtained electronically through Tata & Howard, Inc. by contacting Daniel Gallagher at dgallagher@tataandhoward.com. A Bidder may submit a bid on a single item or any combination of the items. All bids shall be submitted on the Bid Forms furnished and in accordance with the instructions on the Bid Forms. All bids shall be sealed in an envelope which is clearly marked in the lower left hand corner "Marion Water Division Bid for Fiscal Year 2027 Chemicals and Supplies". Bids may be mailed to the Marion Department of Public Works Office, 50 Benson Brook Road, Marion, Massachusetts 02738. The bidder assumes all responsibility for the bids arriving in time for the bid deadline. All bids will remain subject to acceptance by the Town for thirty days after the actual date of the bid opening. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids if deemed to be in the best interest of the Town. Mr. Geoffrey Gorman, Town Administrator 2 Spring Street Marion, MA 02738 5/7 TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings are held at the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference Room, 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted). The start time is 6 PM * The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, May 21, 2026* CASE #1591 Petition of: Mr. Henry Renauld, Town of Mattapoisett, Mattapoisett Water & Sewer Department, 19 County Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. RE:15 Industrial Drive, Mattapoisett. The property is further described as Plot 27, Lot 403, on the Assessor's Map. The lot is in the Limited Industrial (LI) Zoning District. It is recorded with the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book 37363, Pages 178-182. The property contains 3.435 acres with 683.47 feet of frontage. The Water and Sewer Department is seeking a variance from the two-hundred-foot (200) minimum setback required from the existing residential uses to be modified to 122 feet for this project. There is planned landscape privacy screening between the residential buildings and the proposed Water and Sewer Department garage and offices. 5/7, 5/14 Place your classified ads 24 hours a day 7 days a week on-line at www.wanderer.com

the Music Hall northbound on Front Street, marching 0.6 miles up Front Street to the Veterans' Memorial at Old Landing. Upon arrival at the Veterans' Memorial, the Town will pay tribute to our military's "honored dead" who "gave the last full measure of devotion".

The ceremony will conclude with members of the Select Board laying a wreath at the Veterans' Memorial. The master of ceremonies for the event will be Technical Sergeant Mandy Givens of the Massachusetts Air National Guard.

Residents are encouraged to attend the remembrances as well as stand along the parade route on Front Street between Cottage Street and Ryder Lane.

Rochester Republican Town Committee

Rochester Republican Town Committee will hold its next meeting on Monday, **May 11**, at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Ponderosa Sportsman Club, Acushnet.

Tom Hodgson, an American politician who served as Sheriff of Bristol County from 1997-2022, will be the guest speaker. The Rochester Memorial School Committee candidates for the upcoming Rochester Town Election have also been invited to speak at this meeting. All are invited to attend.

Upcoming Adult and Teen Events at the Mattapoisett Library

Do you need some free, basic tech help? Stop by Felicia's Tech Corner on Saturdays from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm for personalized, one-on-one assistance. Example topics include basic email assistance or help accessing Libby and Hoopla, the library's eBook and audiobook platforms. Not sure? Email Felicia at faguier@sailsinc.org or call the library to see if we can help.

We are excited to start holding FRIYAY T(w)een Time. We invite patrons ages 10-17 to celebrate the end of the week at the Mattapoisett Library. Make crafts, play board games, read, or just chill in the teen space Fridays from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Join Ms. Miyuki for Ready, Set, Stamp: a DIY fabric printing adventure tailor-made for beginners. It's a blast, blending creativity with a splash of fun using an array of stamps, including veggies and fruits. This program will be held outdoors, weather permitting, on Saturday, **May 9** at 1:00 pm. For adults 18 and up. Registration required.

Stop by Silent Book Club on Sunday, **May 10**, at 2:00 pm in the upstairs Reading Rooms. Participants will enjoy delicious treats, tea, and quiet time to read. Relax with friends, acquaintances, and strangers while learning about your next favorite book. The event is for patrons ages 16 and up - no registration required.

Join our next Board Game Club on Tuesday, **May 19**, at 6:00 pm in the library reading rooms. Come with friends and family or drop by solo to have some table-



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Our Fiction Book Club meets on Wednesday, **May 20** at 6:00 pm. They are reading *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan. Copies are available at the library. Contact Librarian Robbin Smith with questions at rsmith@sailsinc.org.

The Well-Read Wednesdays Nonfiction Book Group meets on **May 27** at 6:00 pm. This month's book is *The Demon of Unrest: A Saga of Hubris, Heartbreak and Heroism at the Dawn of the Civil War* by Eric Larson. Copies will be available at the library. New members welcome. No registration required.

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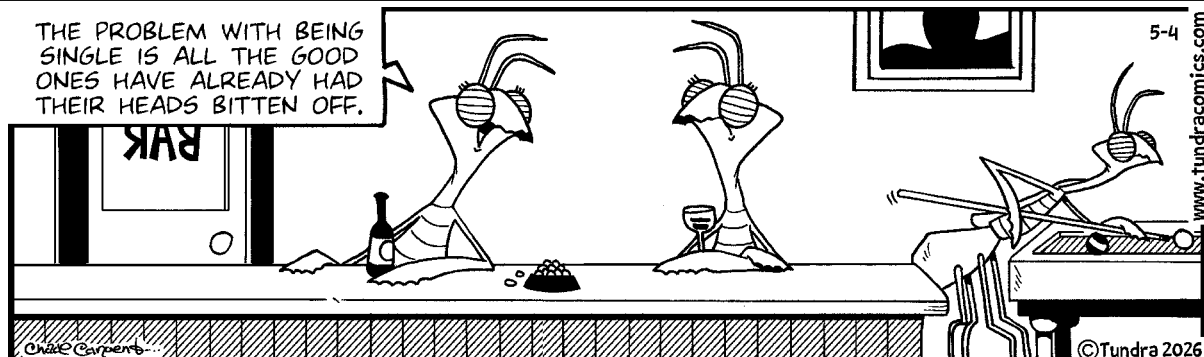
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and Meeting Room is closed due to a complete flooring replacement of the bottom floor. The upstairs areas will remain open as usual, where you can place and pick up holds. We look forward to welcoming you all back starting on **June 2**.

As always, our programs and events are free and open to everyone. For more information, please visit us at 7 Barstow Street, online at www.mattapoissettlibrary.org, or call the library at 508-758-4171.

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

Join the Banned Book Club on **May 12** at 1:00 pm to discuss "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy."

On **May 12** at 6:00 pm meet Hannah Traggis, who works for the Marion Institute managing their Frogfoot Farm program - a 6-acre farm on the Wareham-Plymouth town line and learn about their programs!

Readers' Advisory Group meets every 4th Wednesday at 11:00 am. If you enjoy discussing reading or books, join our Adult Readers' Advisory group for popular book ideas, to see what others are reading, and to explore new genres!

Do you like knitting, needlepoint, embroidery, or crocheting? Join our newest club; Fiber Arts Club, Fridays at 11:00 am! Meet new people, share fiber art project ideas, work with others, and share some laughs!

Join the Elizabeth Taber Library on Wednesday, **May 27** at 1:00 pm for a lively and immersive program with Linda Booth Sweeney, author of *The Noisy Puddle*, winner of the Massachusetts Book Awards picture book/early reader category. Designed for young children and their caregivers, this special event blends storytime with hands-on discovery, celebrating the wonder of vernal pools and the living systems they support. The program will begin in the library with a read-aloud of *The Noisy Puddle*, followed by a conversation with the author. Families will then be invited upstairs to the Marion Natural History Museum for guided, hands-on exploration.

For more information on the Elizabeth Taber Library visit us at www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org or email the library at ETLibrary@sailsinc.org. 8 Spring Street Marion, MA 02738. 508-748-1252.

Mattapoissett Annual Town Meeting & Election Information

The Annual Town Meeting in Mattapoissett is scheduled for Monday, **May 11**, at 6:30 pm at the Old Rochester Regional High School Auditorium. The Annual Town Election will be held on Tuesday, **May 19** at Old Hammondtown School. Polls will be open from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm. Vote by mail ballots can be requested and will be available for mailing soon. Check the town website at www.mattapoissett.gov for more information. Please call the Town Clerk's Office at 508-758-4100 x2 or email

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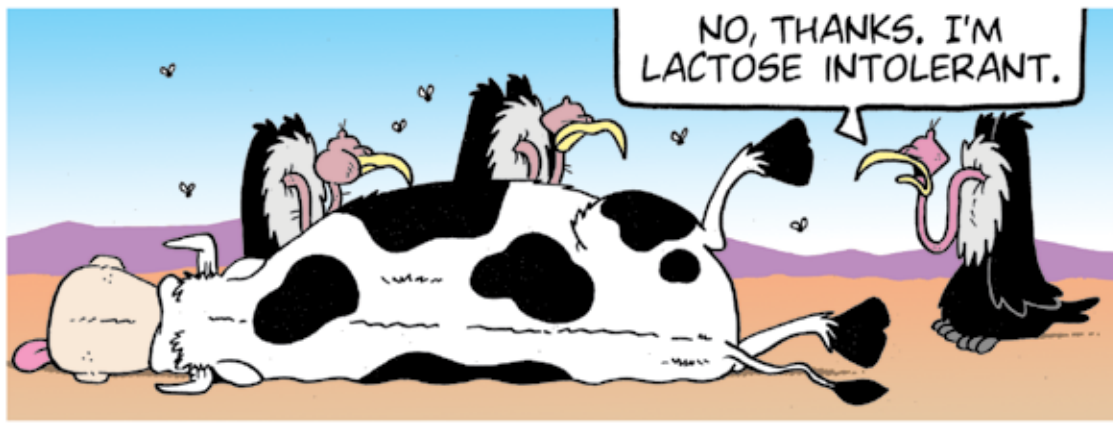


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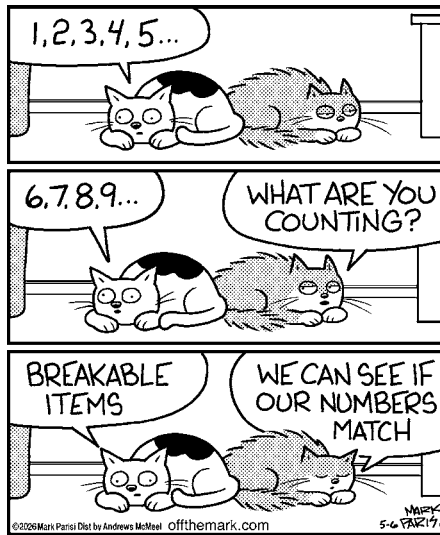
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Register at www.marionmuseum.org for both options. Dates: **July 6 to July 10**, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, **August 3 to August 7**, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

MRTC Community Candidates' Night

The Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee is pleased to invite all voters to attend our Community Candidates' Night on Thursday, **May 7**.

The event will be held at the Niemad Facility, 57 Fairhaven Road, from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Speakers will begin at 6:30 pm.

Join us for an evening of dialogue with local and state candidates. All candidates seeking office have been invited to share their platforms. This is an opportunity to ask questions, meet the candidates for your municipal elections, and help ensure our local government reflects your values.

Light snacks will be provided. A cash bar will be available.

North Rochester Congregational Church

The North Rochester Congregational Church, 247 North Avenue, Rochester, has services at 10:00 am on Sundays. The services are conducted by Reverend Merrily Harris, guest ministers, as well as members of the congregation. Communion is on the first Sunday of each month. Paul Sardinha is the longtime organist. Food and fellowship follows. Everyone is welcome.

Buzzards Bay Musicfest

The Buzzards Bay Musicfest will be returning to Marion this summer from **July 15 through July 19** in the Fireman Performing Arts Center at Hoyt Hall on the campus of Tabor Academy. World class musicians will grace the stage in a five-concert series that is completely open with free admission to the public. Renowned Australian conductor Antony Walker will lead the orchestra this year. On Wednesday, July 15, there will be an open rehearsal at 2:00 pm. That evening, the first concert of the series will feature the full orchestra with works by Beethoven and Haydn as well as a concerto by Grieg featuring piano virtuoso Cynthia Raim as soloist. On Thursday July 16, a chamber music concert will include a flute duo, a trio for oboe, bassoon and piano, a Mozart divertimento for winds and a Beethoven string quartet. The Buzzards Bay Swing Band will take the stage on Friday, July 17 with "Music from the Movies."

The Saturday evening (July 18) concert will be chamber ensembles performing works by Francaix, Dohnanyi and Franck. Sunday afternoon's (July 19) concert will begin with a Beethoven overture and end with a Beethoven Symphony. There will also be a Mozart French horn concerto performed by the legendary horn soloist James Thatcher. Start times for the evening concerts is 7:30 pm. The Sunday afternoon concert is at 2:00 pm. Please visit www.buzzardsbaymusicfest.com/ for more detailed information.

Spring Book Sale

The Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library will sponsor their Spring Book Sale at the Library from Thursday, **May 7**, 2:00 pm to 7:30 pm, Friday, **May 8**, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Saturday, **May 9**, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Proceeds from the spring book sale allows the Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library to provide cost-saving passes for museums, parks, and zoos; and fund special library events and purchases. Other funding sources are the annual Tea, the Summer Book Sale and the Holiday Book Sale & Gift Basket Raffle.

The sale will include a selection of adult fiction and non-fiction books, children's books, puzzles, games, and DVDs. The sale will be held in the meeting room at the Elizabeth Taber Library, 8 Spring Street, Marion.

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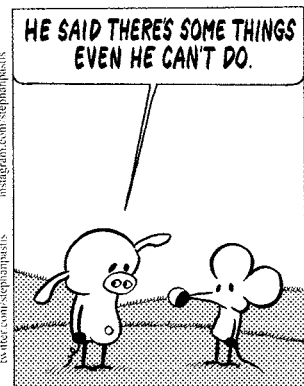
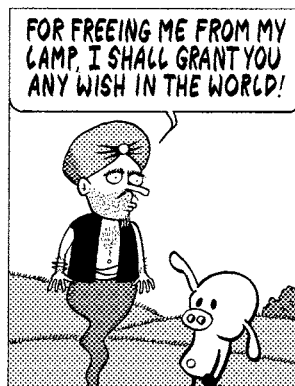
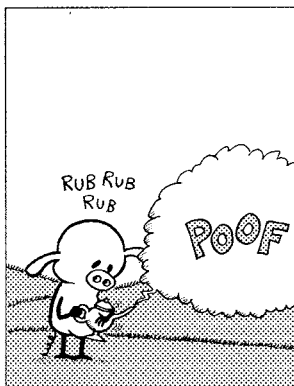
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



Mattapoisset Celebrates 250 Years Committee

Please join us as we plan the Semi quincennial celebration of our country. We need your help to make it happen. The committee is working on several ideas for the celebration. The events will be family friendly that recognize the historical past and the future of our great country. Volunteers are the heart of this celebration. Please consider donating your time to make these events fun and memorable.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 7 at 6:00 pm at American Legion Hall Florence Eastman Post 280 on 3 Depot Street. Questions or comments can be emailed to Barbara Gaspar at theseamstress058@gmail.com.

From the Marion Town Clerk's Office

It's that time of year again when we find our Annual Town Meeting and Annual Town Election right around the corner. Here are some important dates for Marion town residents.

Important dates: Thursday, May 7, first day of in person early voting. Monday, May 11, Annual Town Meeting at Sippican School Auditorium, start time: 6:00 pm (doors will open at 5:30 pm). Thursday, May 14, at 12:00 pm noon, last day for in person early voting. May 15, Annual Town Election from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center.

Vote by mail, vote by mail accessible, and absentee voter applications are available outside the Town Clerk's office. All applications must reach the Clerk's Office by noon on Friday, May 8.

New this year, we will be introducing our new Polling Pads in an effort to streamline the check-in process for both Town Meeting and Town Election. Voters will now check in by Last Name vs Street Name. A driver's license is not required but will expedite the check in process by means of a quick scan of the license bar code.

Elizabeth Taber Library Seeks Community Feedback

The Elizabeth Taber Library is completing a new strategic plan and wants to hear from community members. The Library's last strategic plan was completed in 2021 and largely responded to the needs of the community identified during COVID.



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"Community feedback for our last strategic plan led directly to the library renovation project that was completed in 2025," said Library Director Elizabeth Sherry. "The feedback received on this survey will guide the library's programs, services, collections, and space through 2031."

The brief survey is available at elizabethtaberlibrary.org/survey and will be open through mid-May. Staff can also connect you with the survey in-person at the Library, located at 8 Spring St. in Marion.

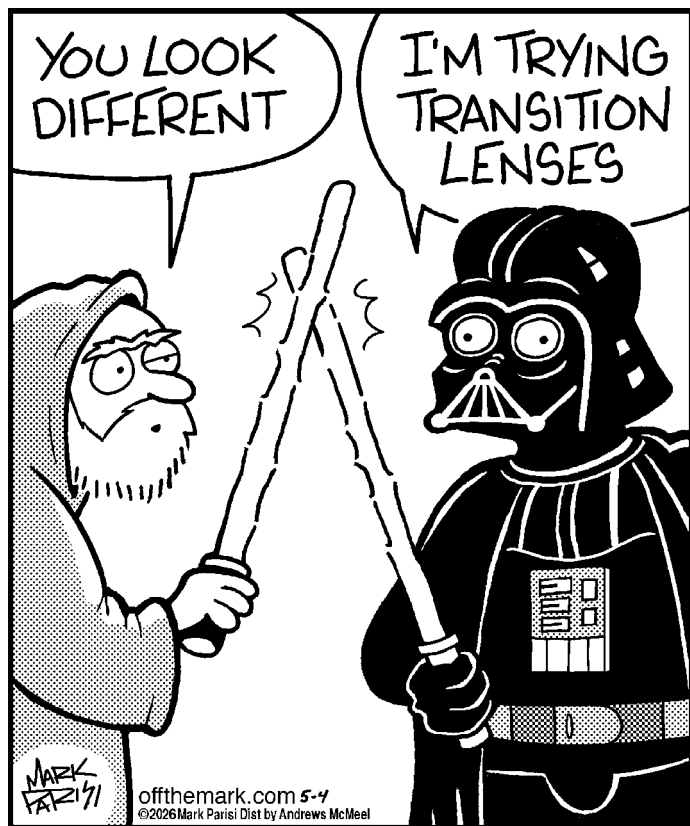
"If you don't use the Elizabeth Taber Library, or prefer to use other libraries in the Tri-Town, we'd love to hear from you as well," said Macy Kinney, children's librarian. "We serve the entire community and believe the Library can offer something for everyone. We want to know what would bring non-users into the Library."

The Elizabeth Taber Library has seen increased circulation, visitation, and program attendance since the completion of the Library's renovation project a year ago. Additionally, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners has compiled data revealing that in times of economic hardship, Library attendance in the state of Massachusetts increases by 32.4% and circulation increases by 12.5%.

"With affordability front and center in local and national conversations, we're looking ahead to see how we can meet the needs of Marion and the Tri-Town in our next strategic plan," said Adult Services Librarian, Emily Newell.

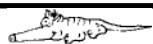
For further information contact Library Director Elizabeth Sherry: esherry@sailsinc.org or 508-748-1252.

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Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
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Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	May 7	12:05	12:38	5:57	5:51
Friday	May 8	12:52	1:26	6:44	6:44
Saturday	May 9	1:40	2:15	7:44	7:53
Sunday	May 10	2:30	3:05	8:47	9:15
Monday	May 11	3:24	4:00	9:42	10:26
Tuesday	May 12	4:23	4:58	10:30	11:23
Wednesday	May 13	5:24	5:54	11:15	
Thursday	May 14	6:21	6:47	12:14	11:59
Friday	May 15	7:15	7:37	1:03	12:45
Saturday	May 16	8:06	8:28	1:54	1:33
Sunday	May 17	8:58	9:20	2:48	2:23
Monday	May 18	9:51	10:13	3:43	3:16
Tuesday	May 19	10:45	11:09	4:36	4:10
Wednesday	May 20	11:42		5:30	5:04
Thursday	May 21	12:08	12:41	6:33	6:04
Friday	May 22	1:07	1:40	7:55	7:24
Saturday	May 23	2:05	2:38	9:05	9:23
Sunday	May 24	3:02	3:37	9:59	10:36
Phases of the Moon		Last Quarter New Moon First Quarter Full Moon		May 9th May 16th May 23rd May 31st	



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the April 30, 2026 edition the Aardvark was on page 52

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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1. Remain; 2. Random
3. Pseudo; 4. Ethics

Today's Word OPINION

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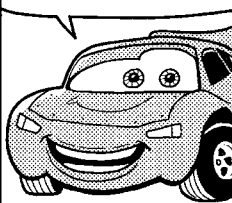
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